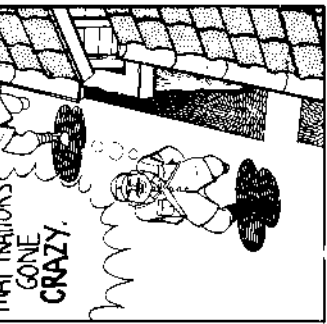
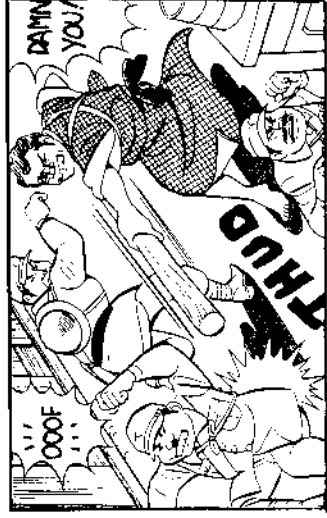
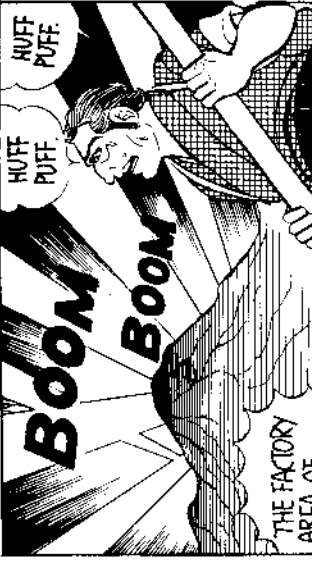
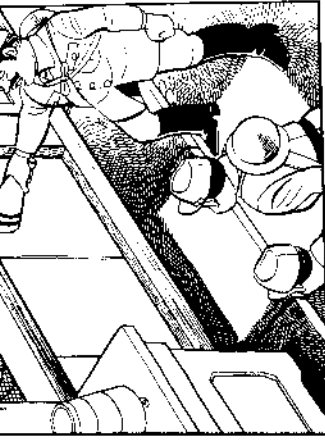
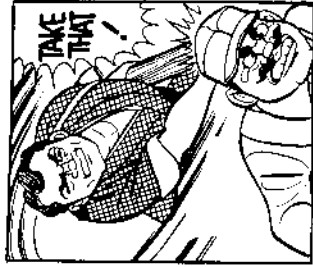
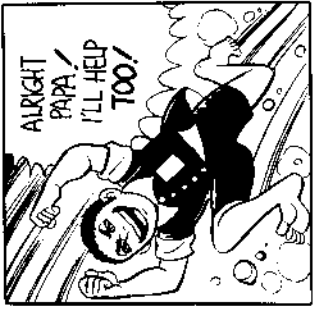
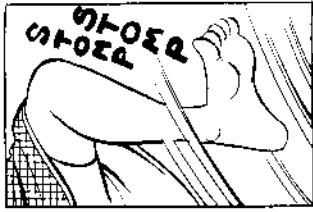
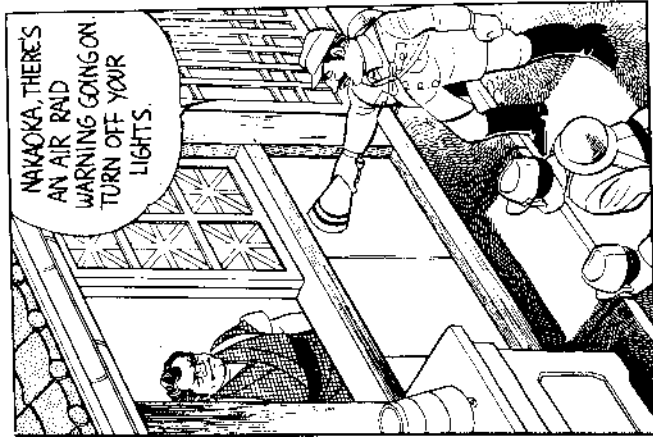
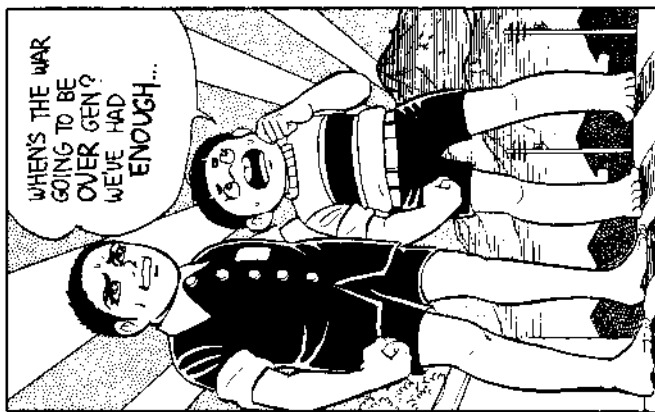
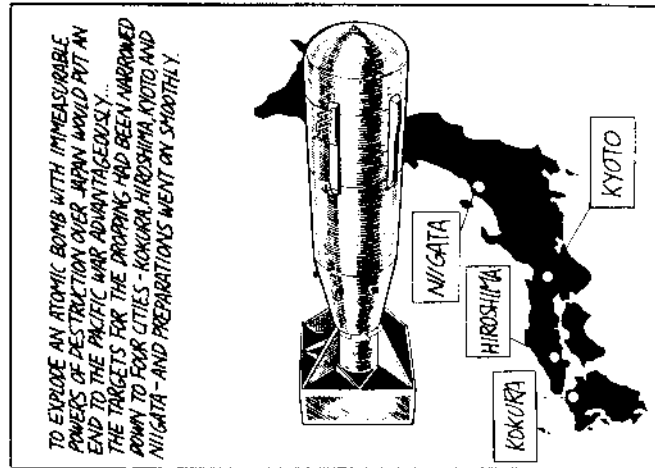
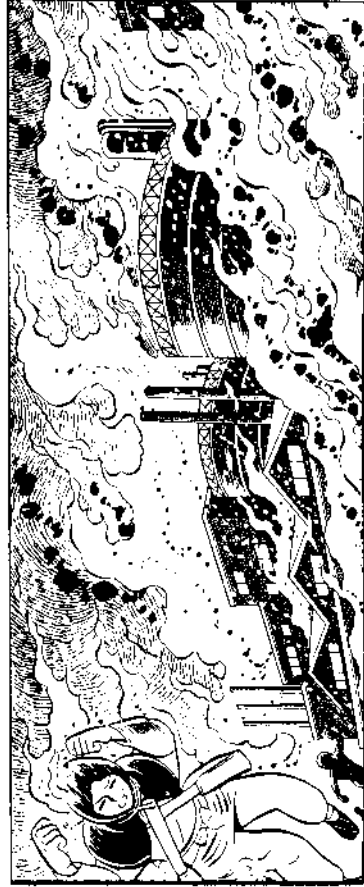
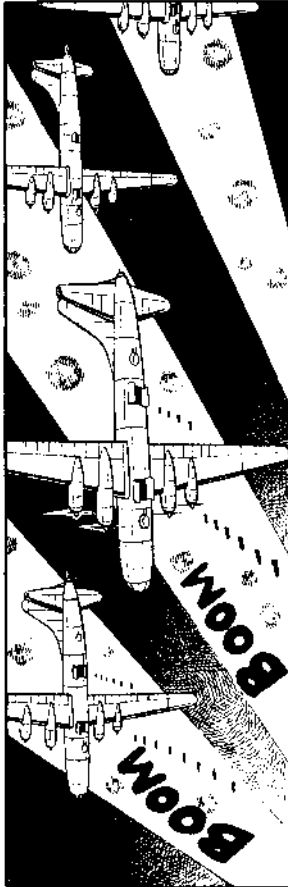
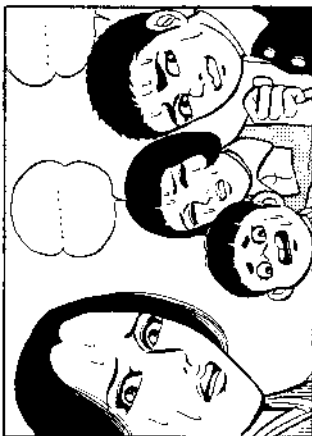
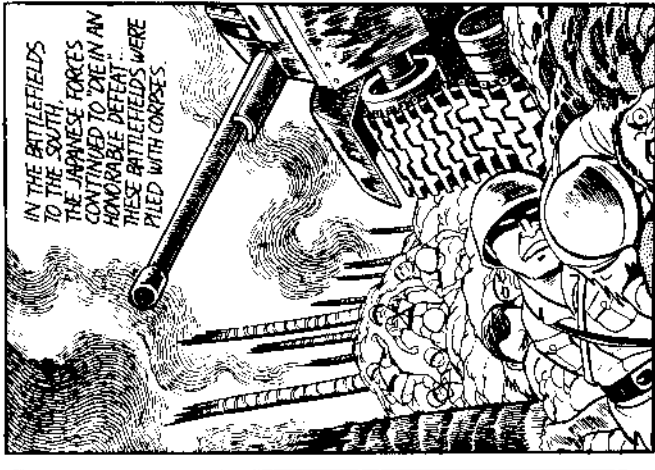
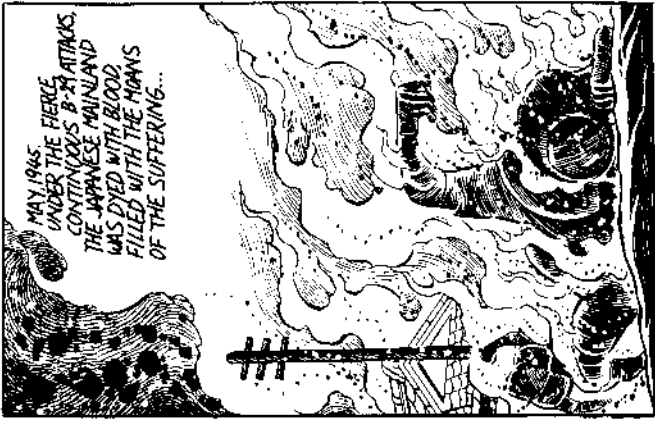
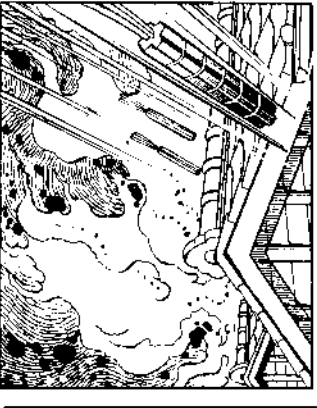
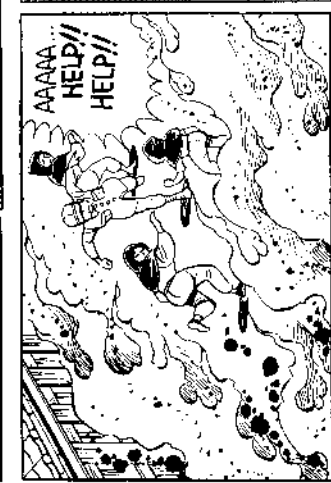
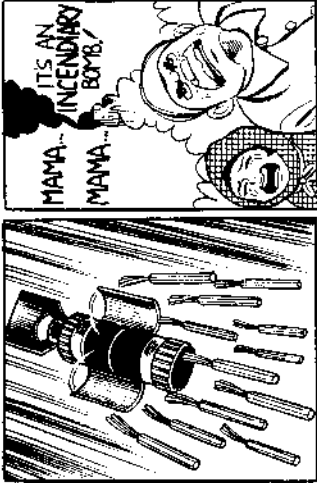
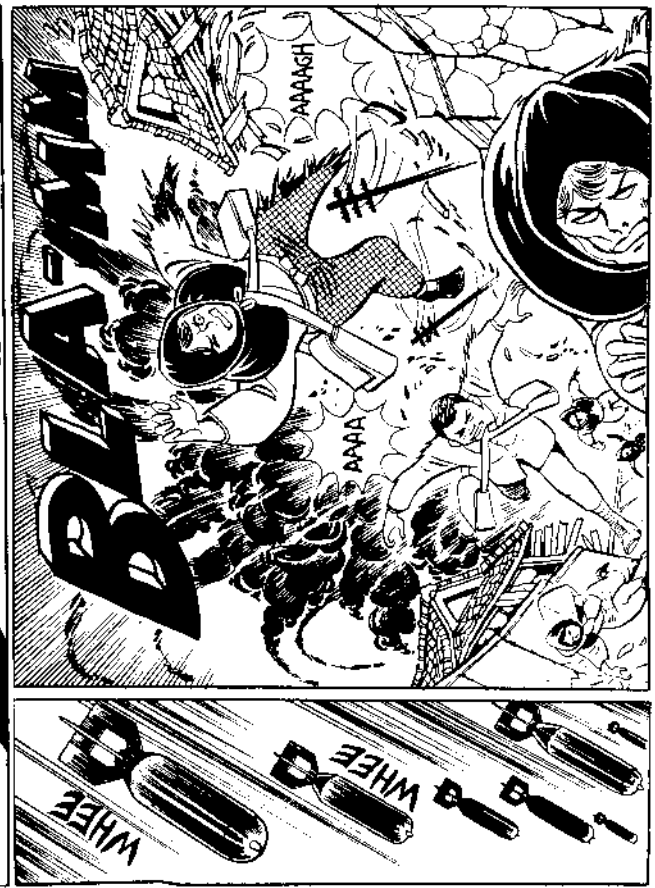
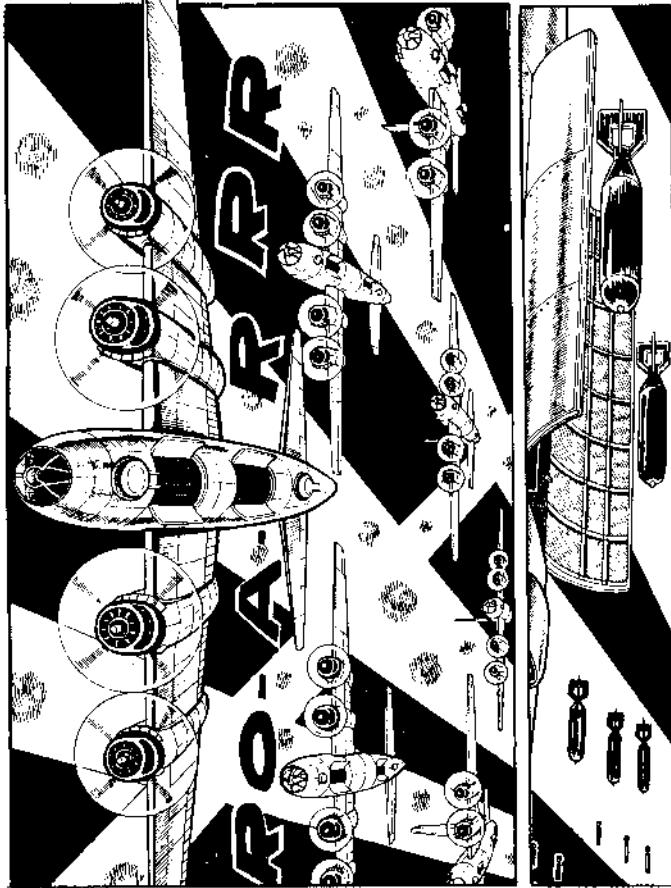
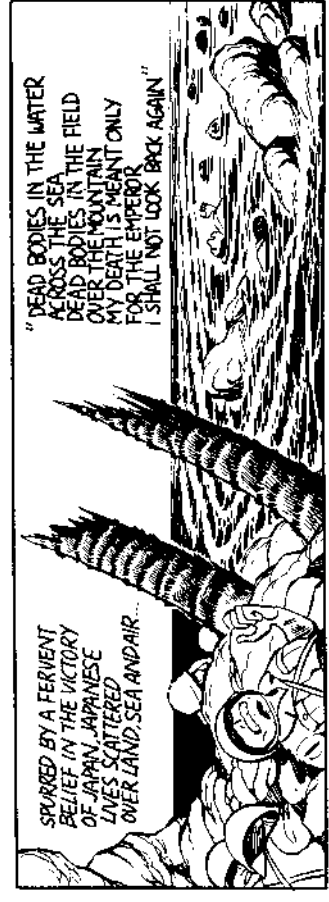
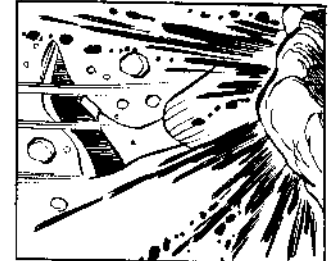
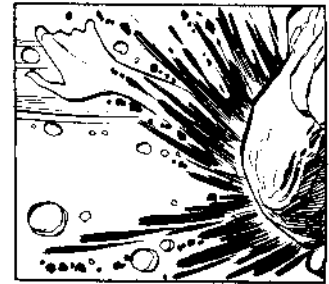
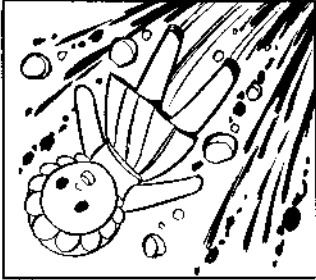
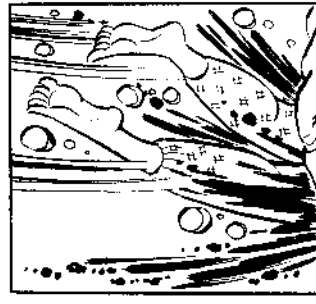
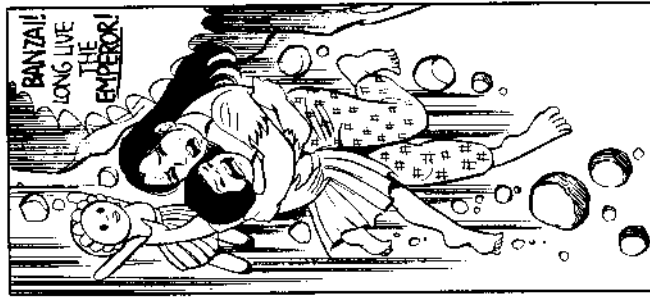
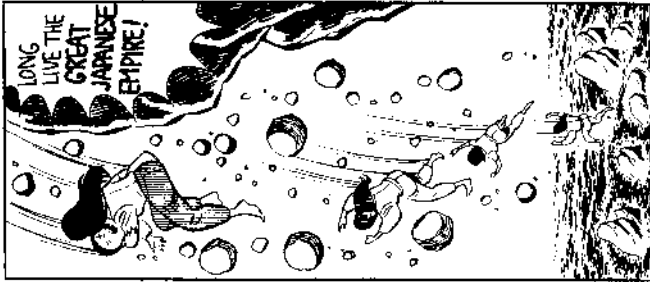
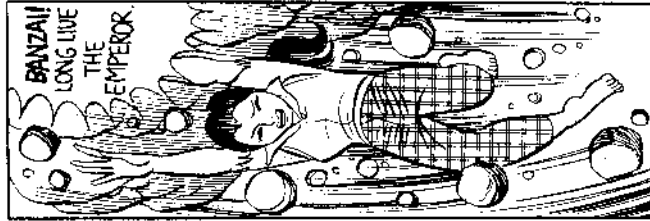
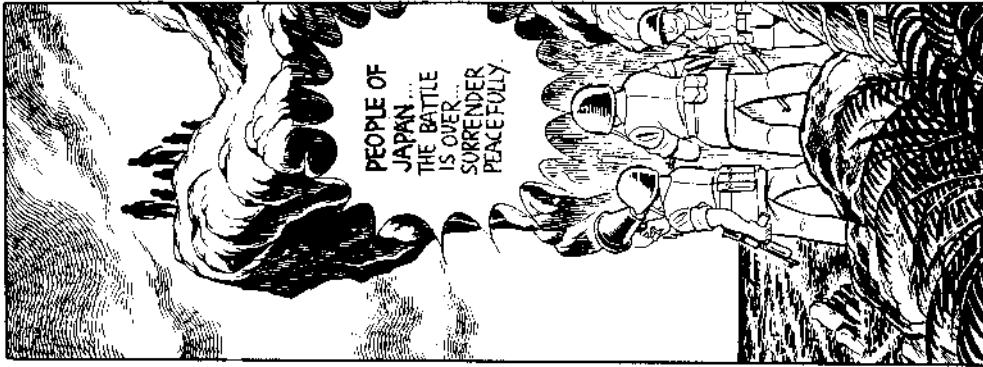
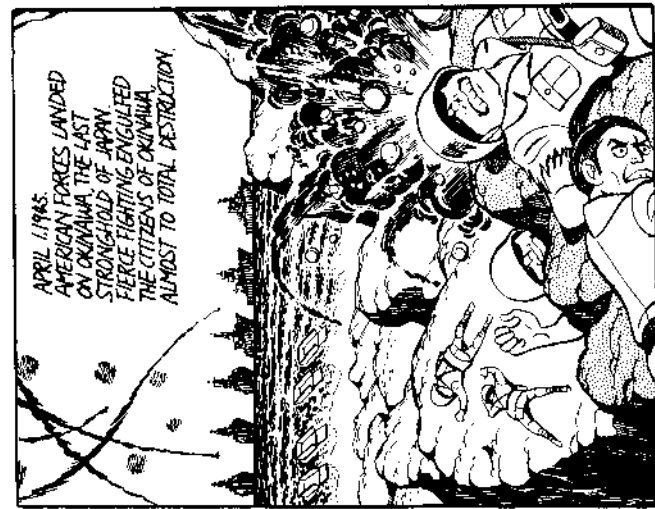




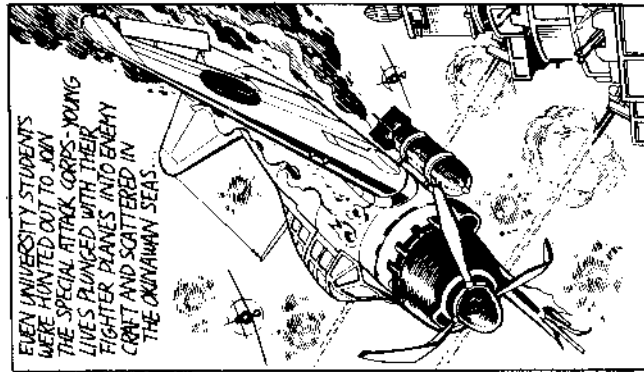




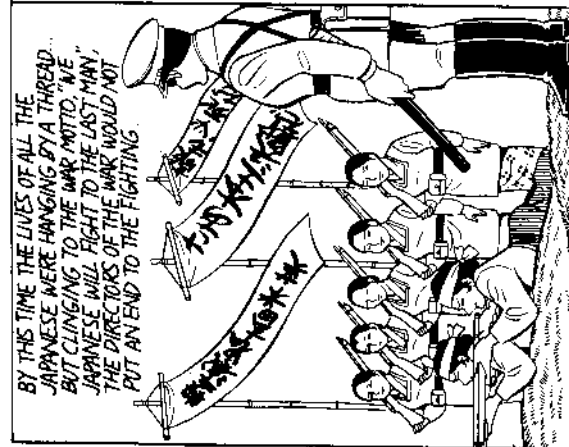




APRIL 1, 1945.
AMERICAN FORCES LANDED
ON OKINAWA, THE LAST
STRONGHOLD OF JAPAN.
FIERCE FIGHTING ENGULFED
THE CITIZENS OF OKINAWA,
ALMOST TO TOTAL DESTRUCTION.

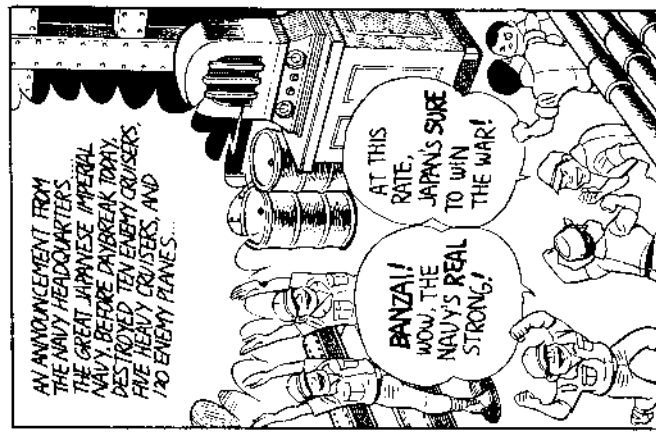


EVEN UNIVERSITY STUDENTS
WERE HUNTED OUT TO JOIN
THE SPECIAL ATTACK CORPS - YOUNG
LIVES PLUNGED WITH THEIR
FIGHTER PLANES INTO ENEMY
CRAFT AND SCATTERED IN
THE OKINAWAN SEAS.



BY THIS TIME THE LIVES OF ALL THE
JAPANESE WERE HANGING BY A THREAD...
BUT CLINGING TO THE WAR MOTTO, "WE
JAPANESE WILL FIGHT TO THE LAST MAN,"
THE DIRECTORS OF THE WAR WOULD NOT
PUT AN END TO THE FIGHTING.

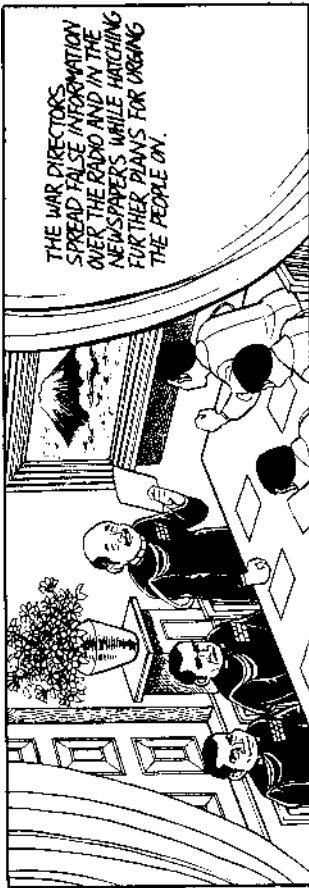
SIGNS "THE ENEMY IS DESPERATE/
PREPARE FOR THE MAINLAND BATTLE!
TOTAL DEFEAT TO AMERICAN DEVILS
AND BRITISH FIENDS!"



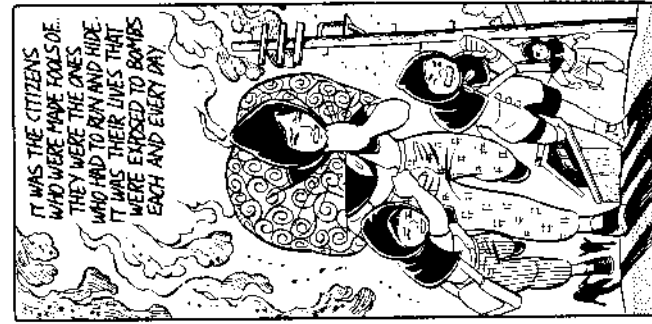
AN ANNOUNCEMENT FROM
THE NAVY HEADQUARTERS
THE GREAT JAPANESE IMPERIAL
NAVY BEFELL DAWNBREAK TODAY,
DESTROYED TEN ENEMY CRUISERS,
FIVE HEAVY CRUISERS, AND
120 ENEMY PLANES...

BANZAI!
WOW, THE
NAVY'S REAL
STRONG!

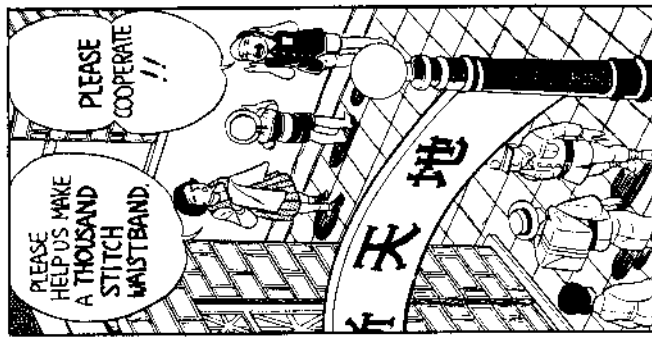
AT THIS
RATE,
JAPAN'S SURE
TO WIN
THE WAR!



THE WAR DIRECTORS
SPREAD FALSE INFORMATION
OVER THE RADIO AND IN THE
NEWSPAPERS WHILE HATCHING
FURTHER PLANS FOR URBAN
THE PEOPLE ON.

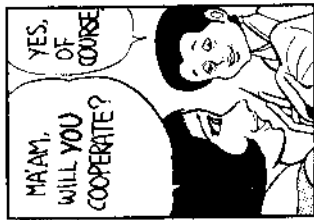


IT WAS THE CITIZENS
WHO WERE MADE FOOLS OF...
THEY WERE THE ONES
WHO HAD TO RUN AND HIDE.
IT WAS THEIR LIVES THAT
WERE EXPOSED TO BOMBS
EACH AND EVERY DAY



PLEASE
HELP US MAKE
A THOUSAND
STITCH
WAISTBAND.

PLEASE
COOPERATE
!!

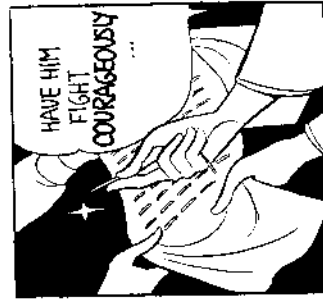


MA'AM,
WILL YOU
COOPERATE?



WHO'S
GOING TO
WAR?

MY BIG
BROTHER
IS.



HAVE HIM
FIGHT
COURAGEOUSLY



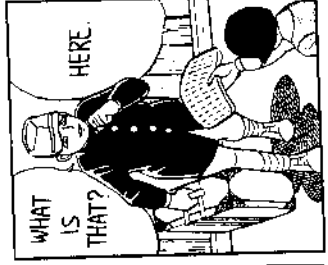
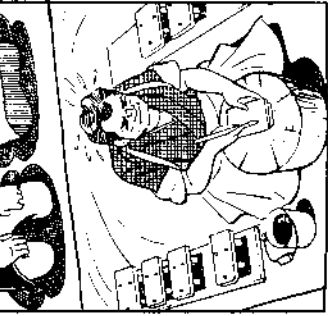
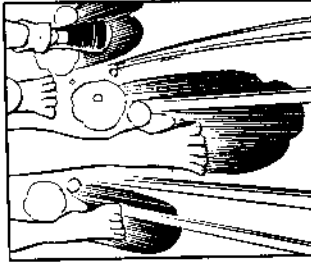
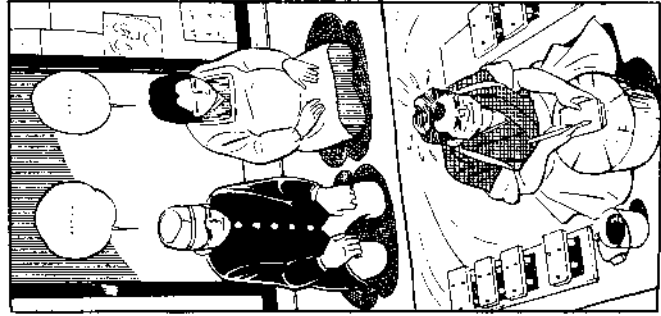
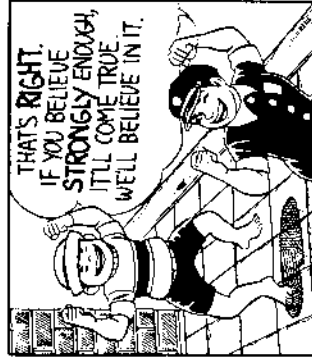
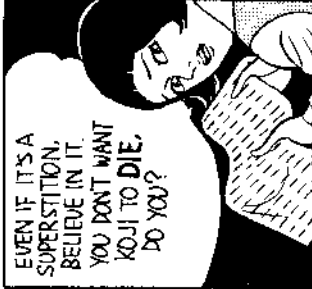
HERE
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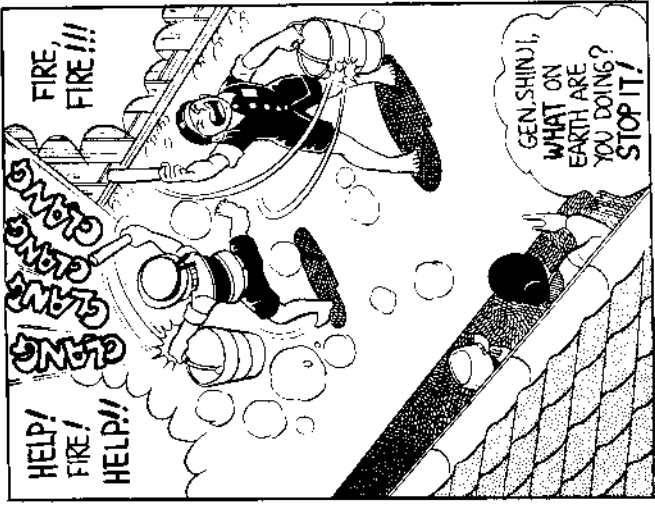
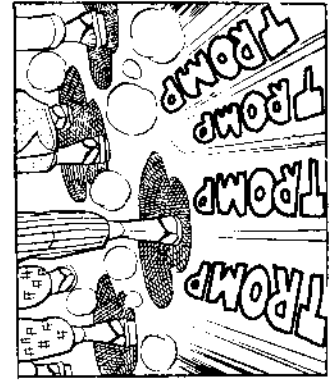
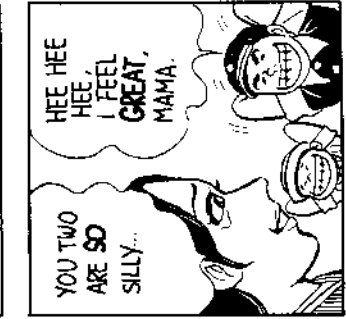
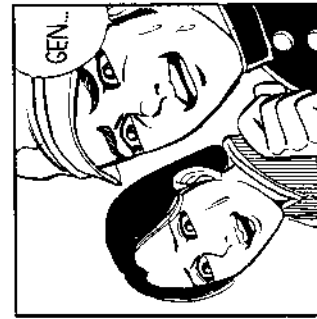
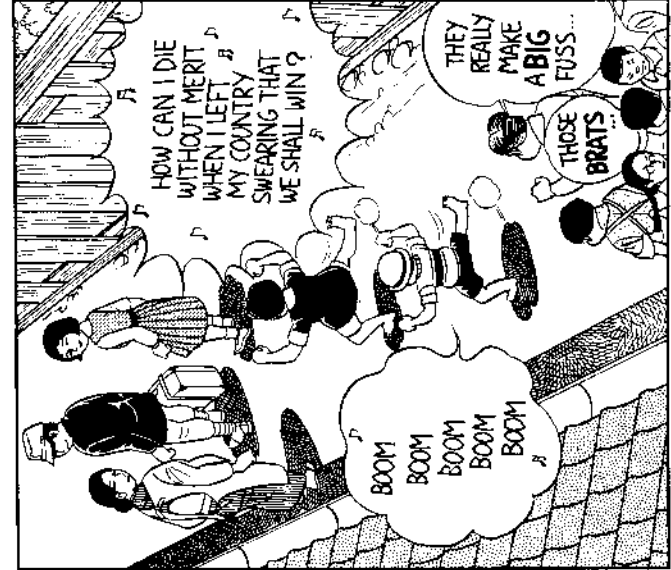
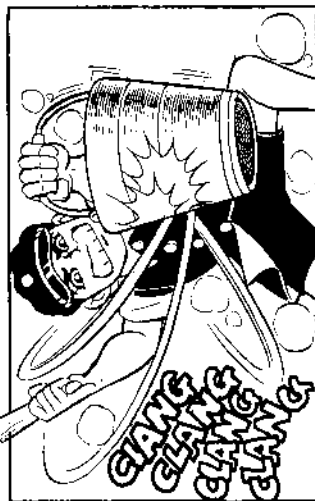
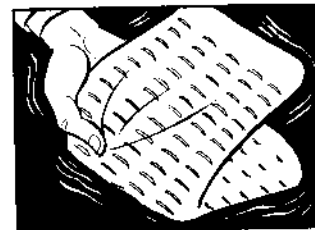
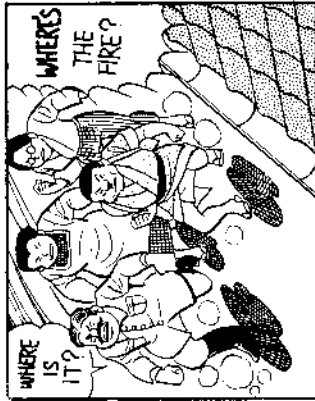
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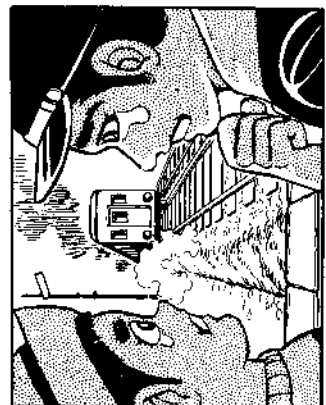
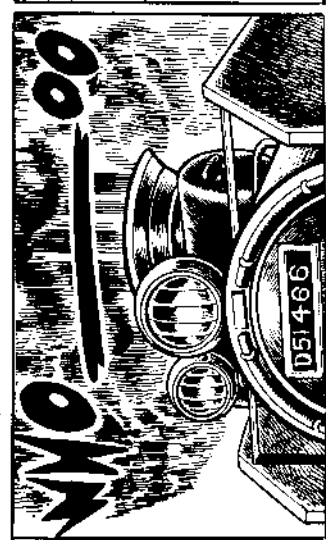
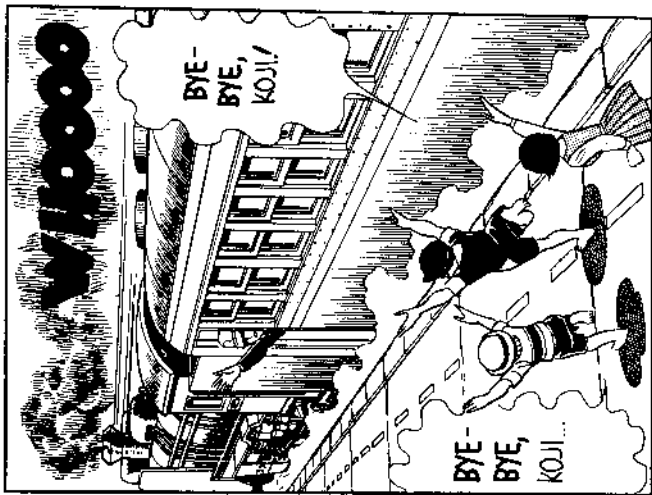
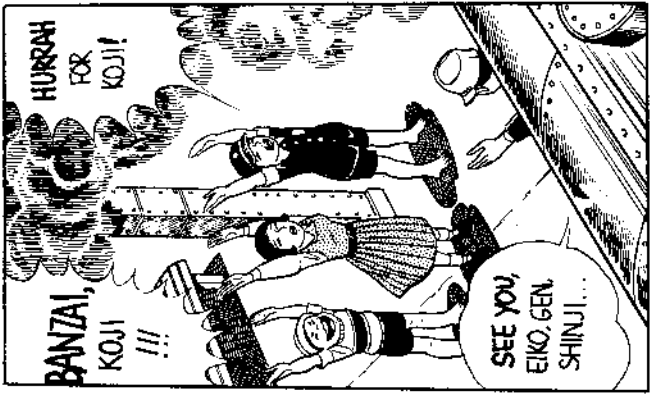
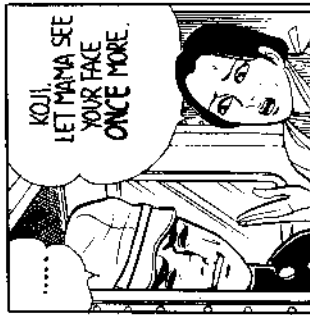
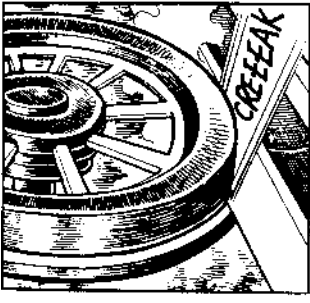
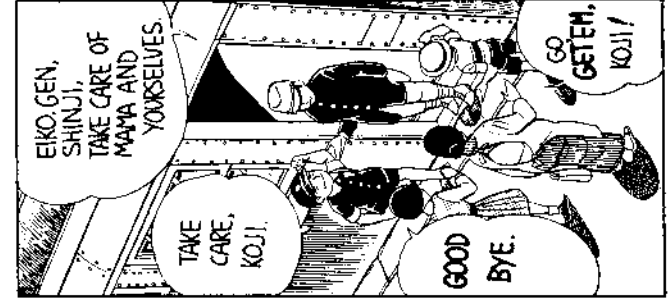
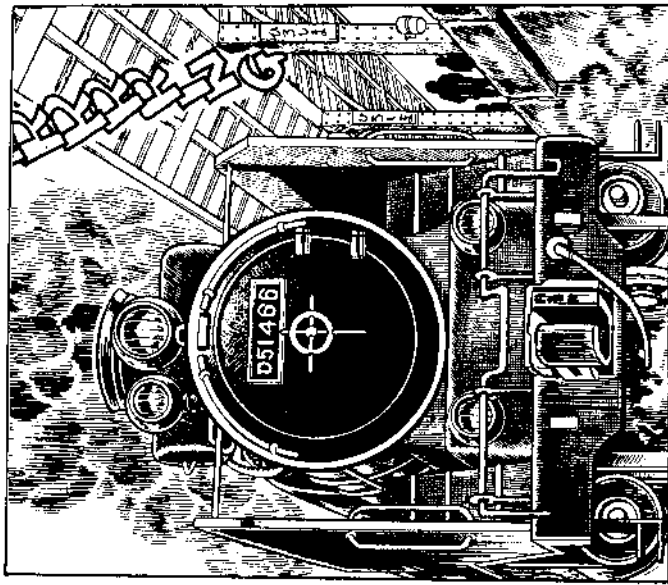


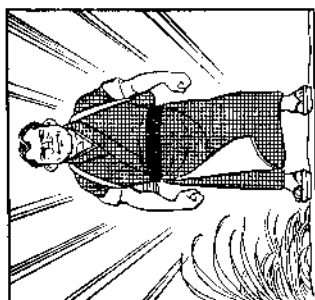
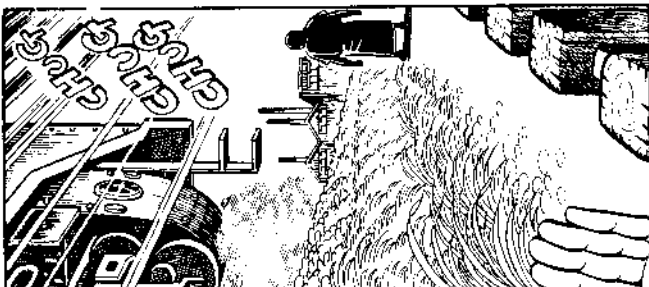
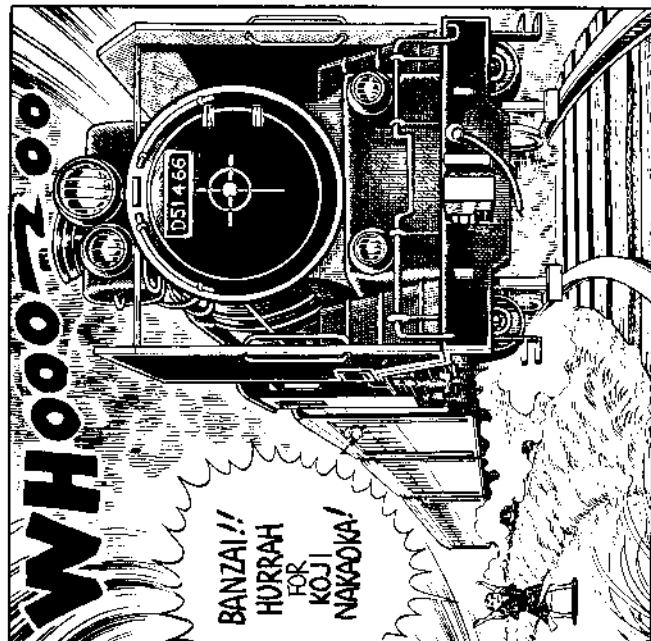
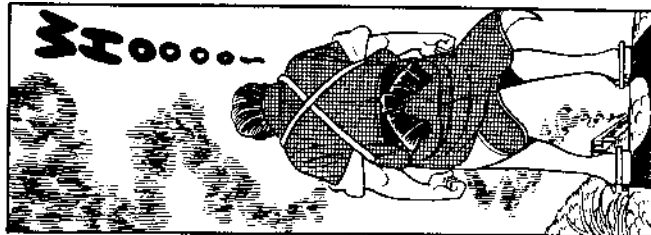
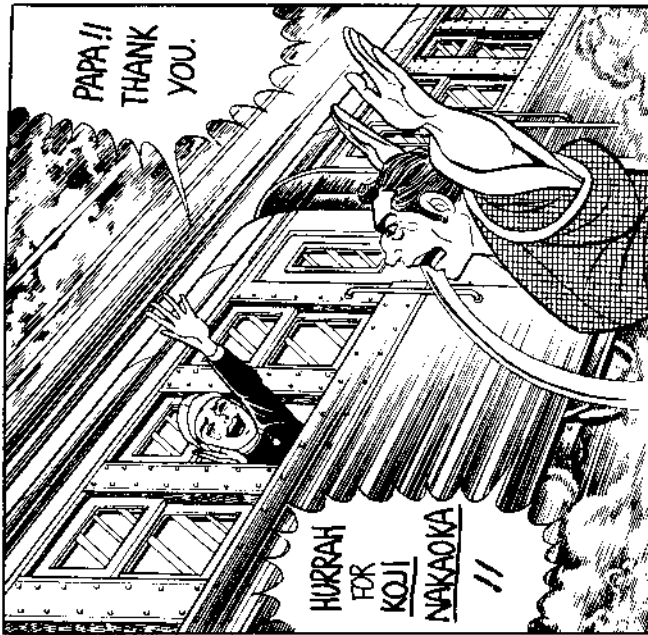
SIS,
HOW MANY MORE
STITCHES DO
WE NEED?

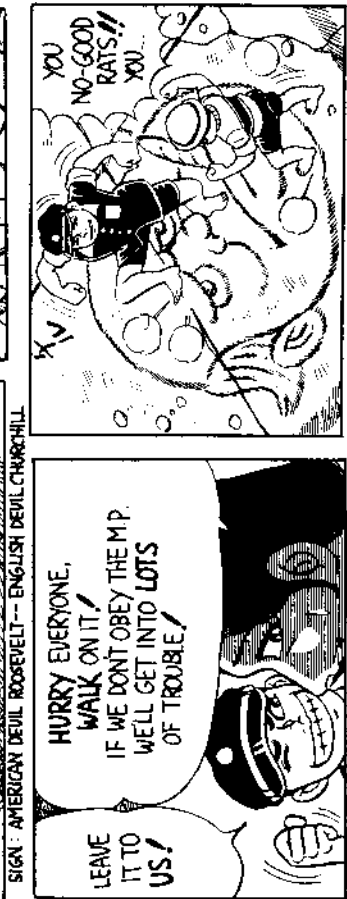
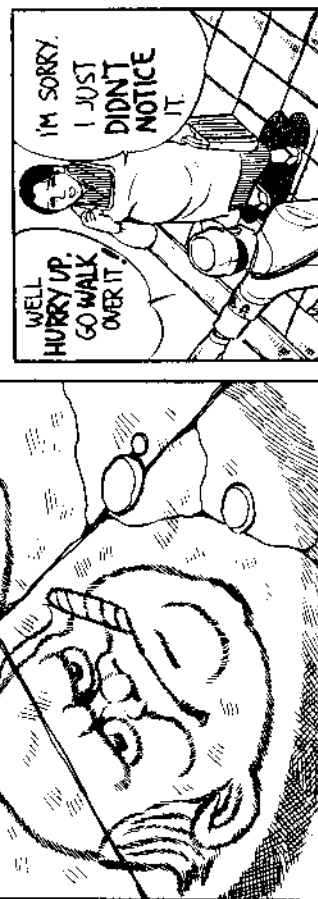
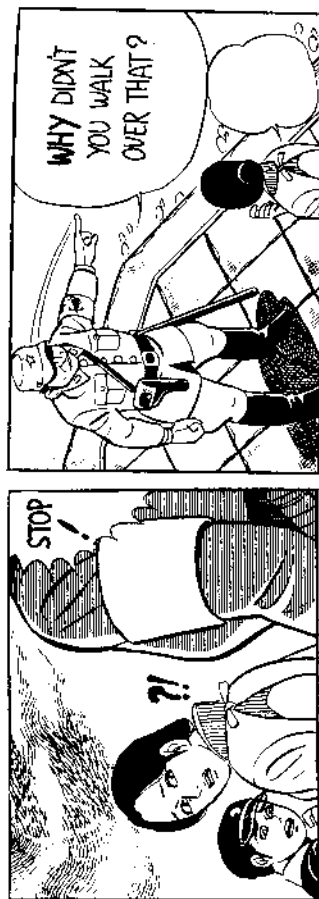
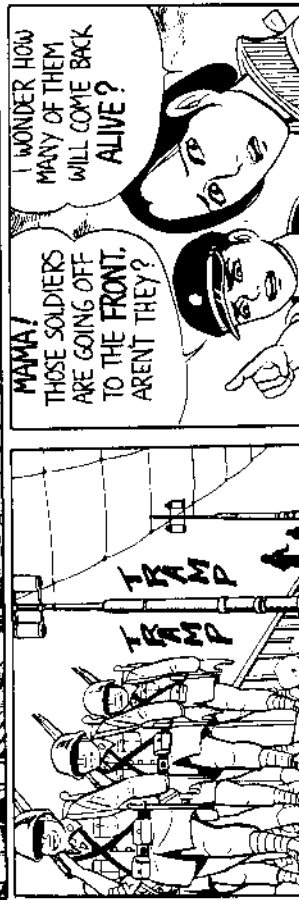
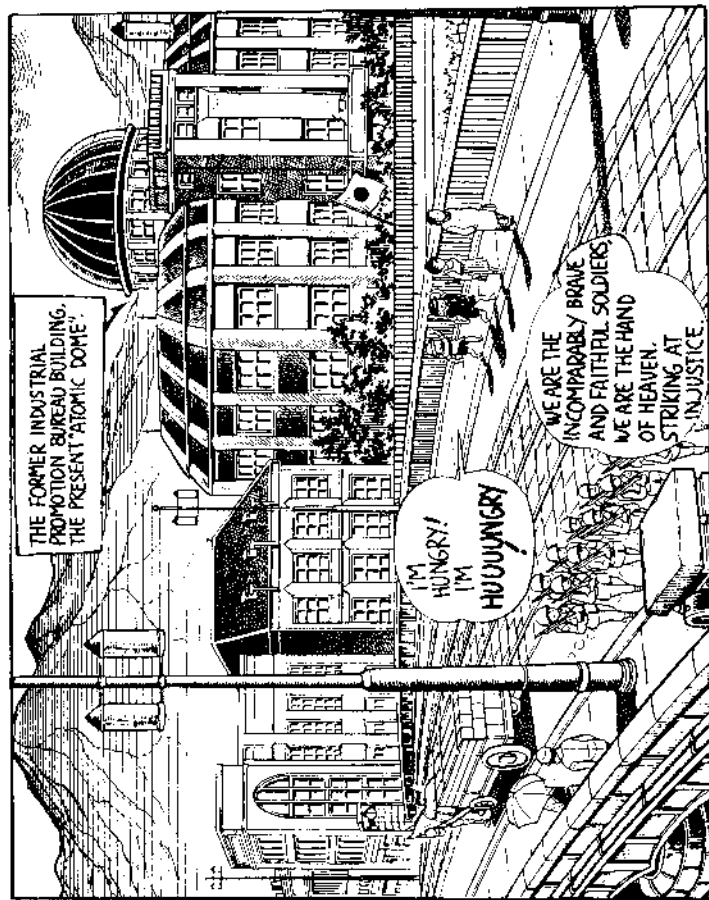
FIFTEEN
MORE...
THEN WE'LL
HAVE ONE
THOUSAND!

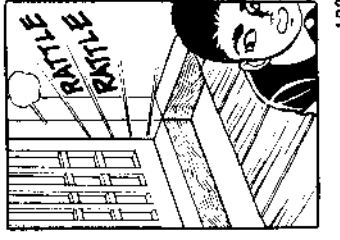
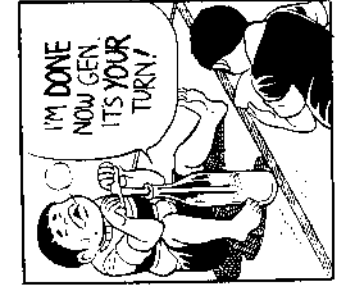
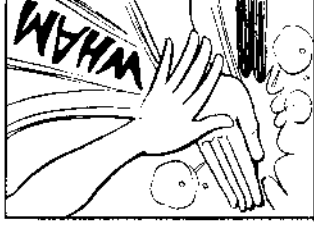
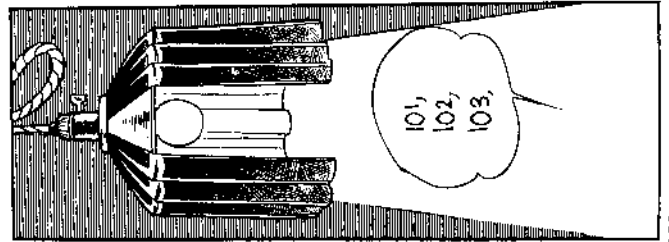
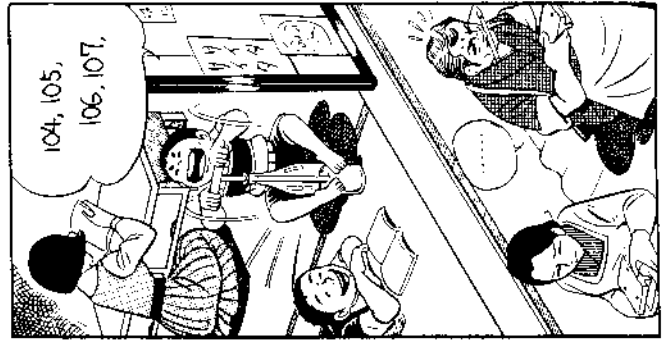
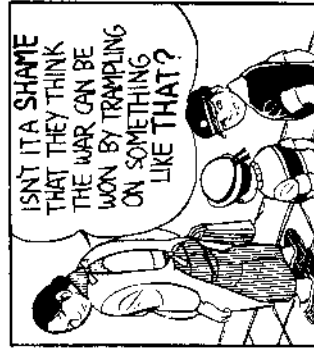
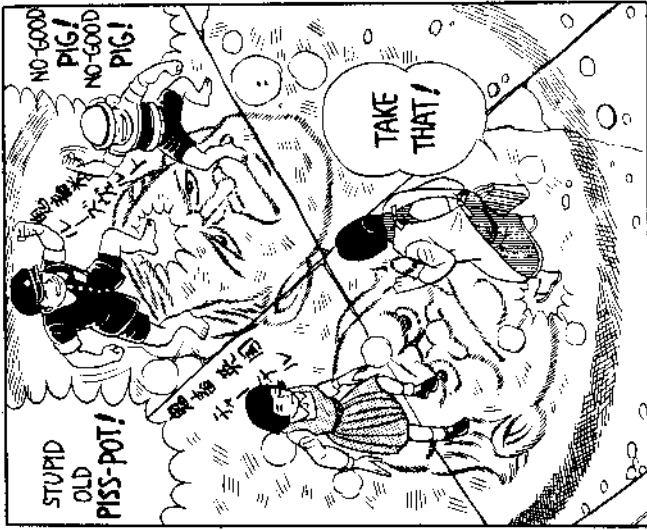


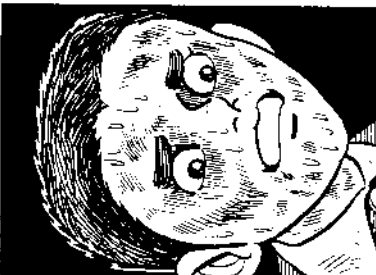
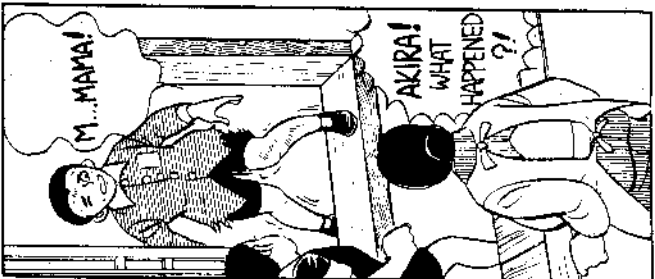
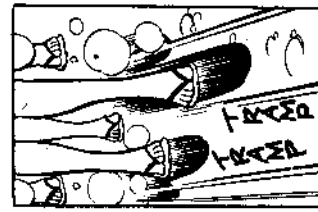
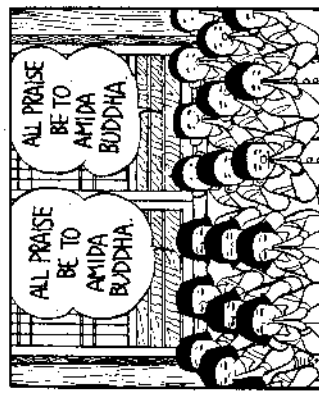
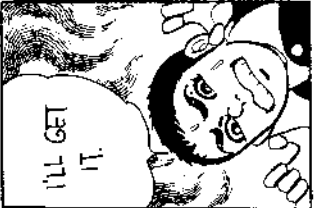
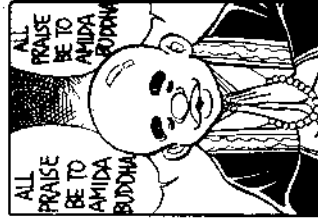
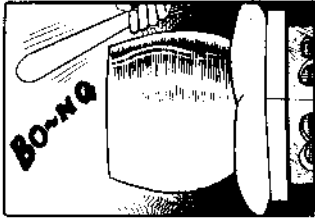


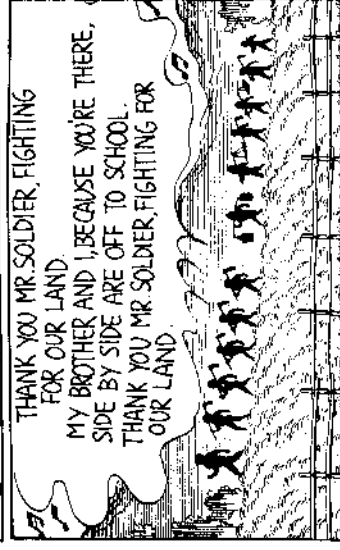
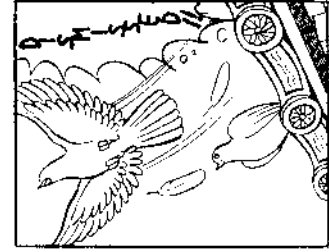
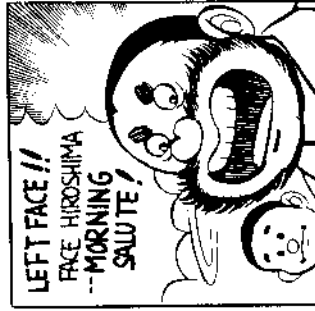
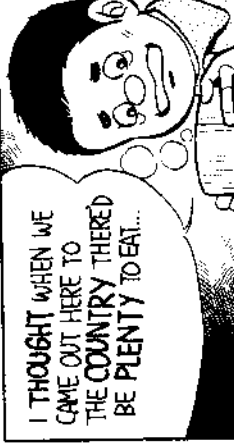
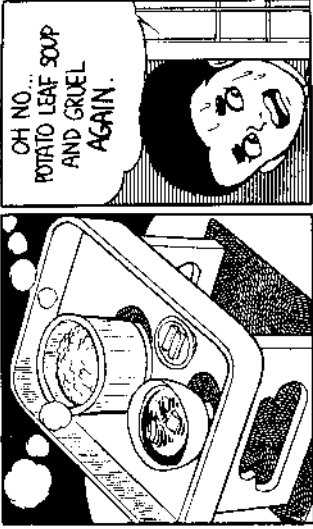
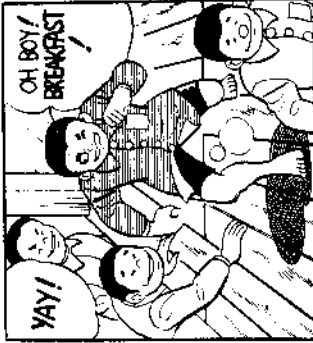
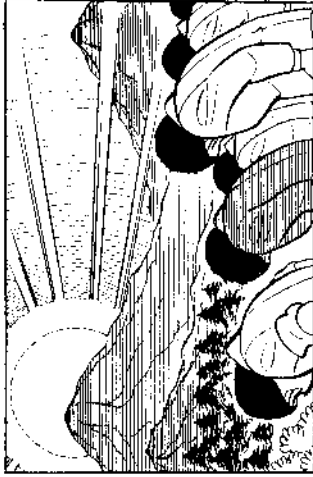
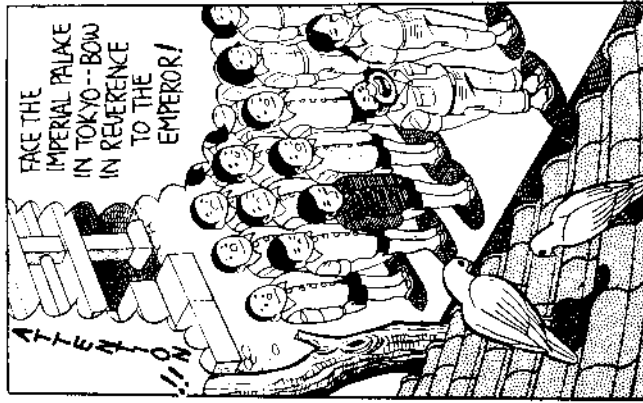


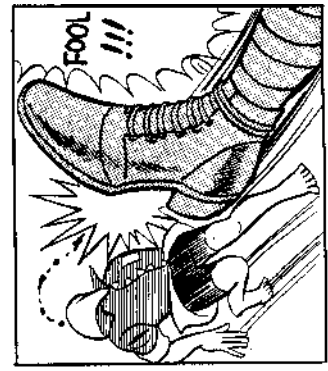
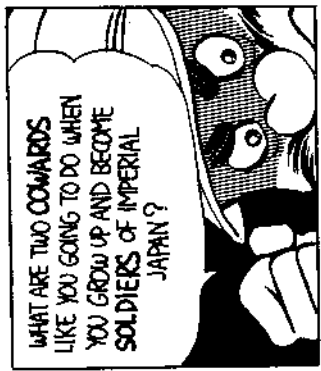
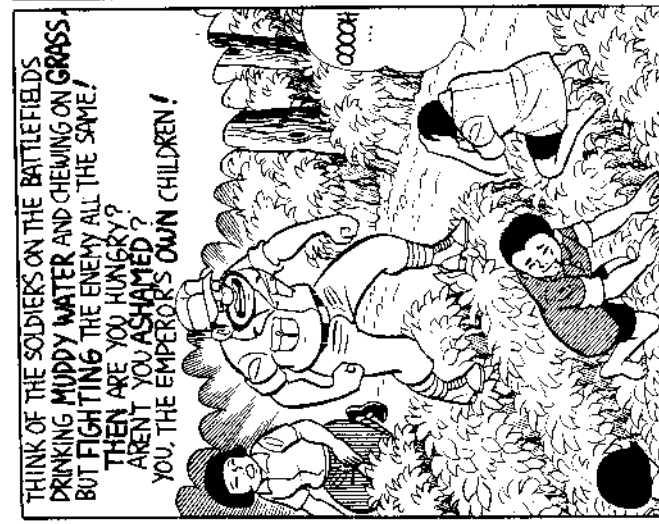
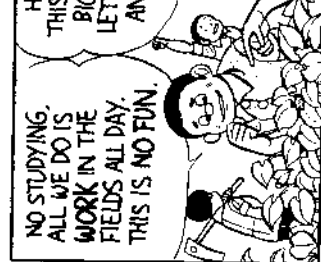
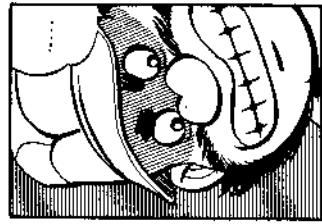
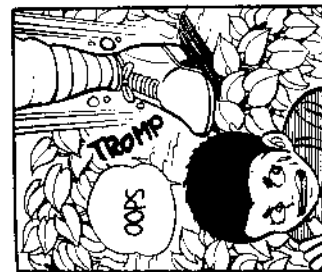
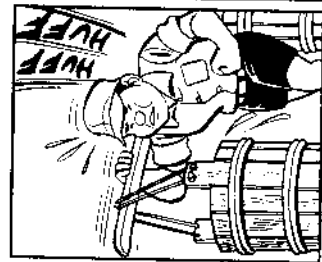


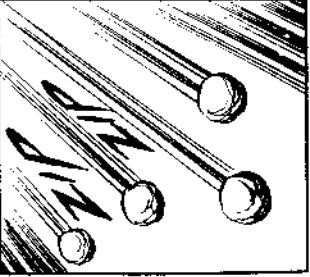
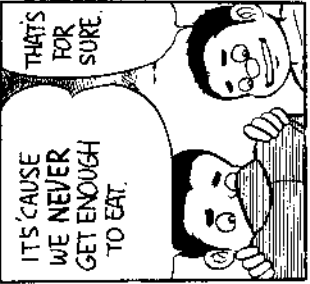
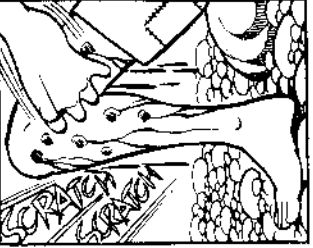
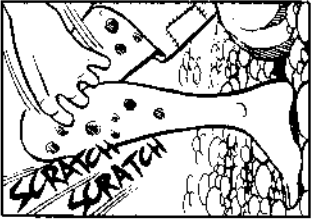
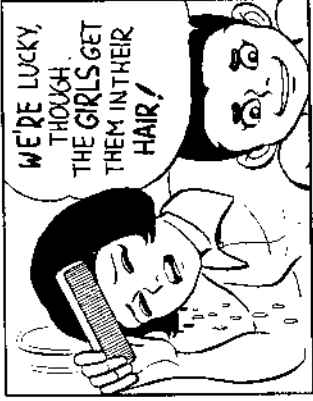
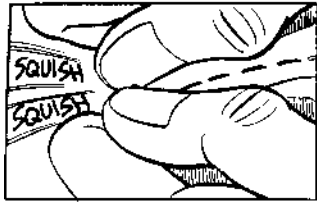
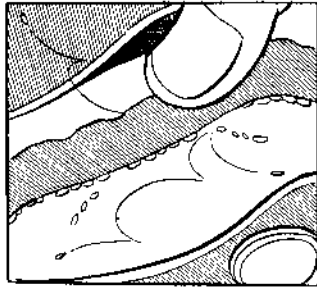
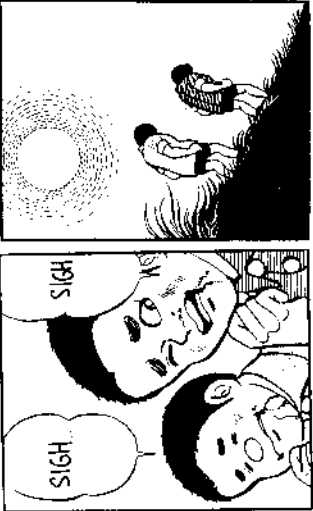


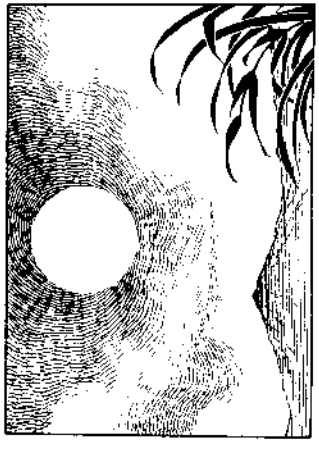
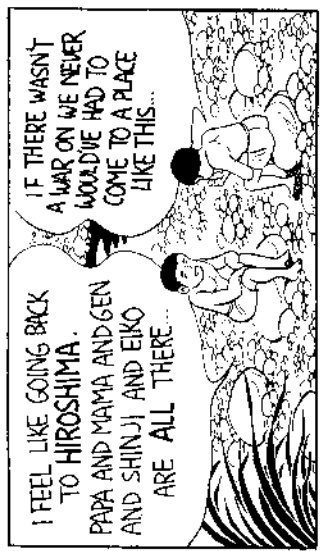
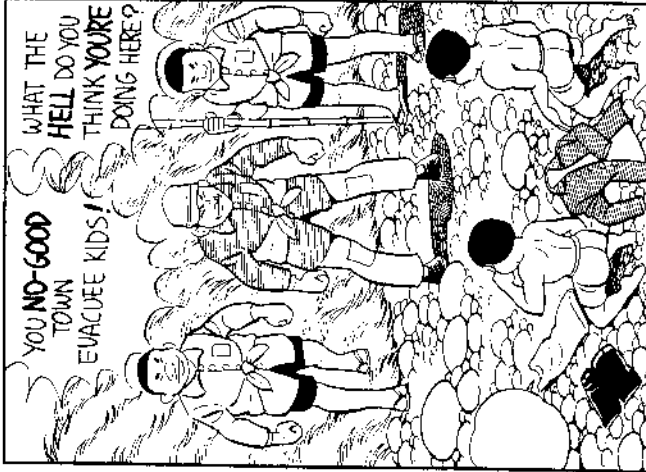


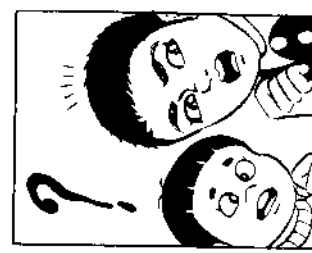
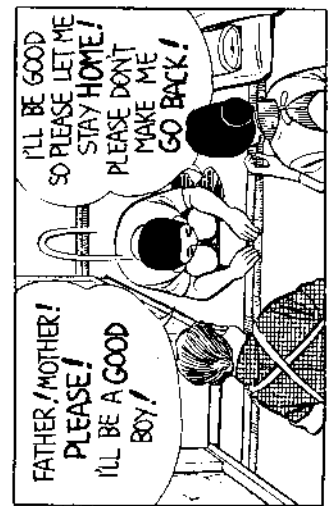
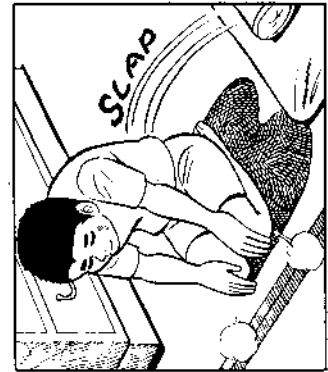
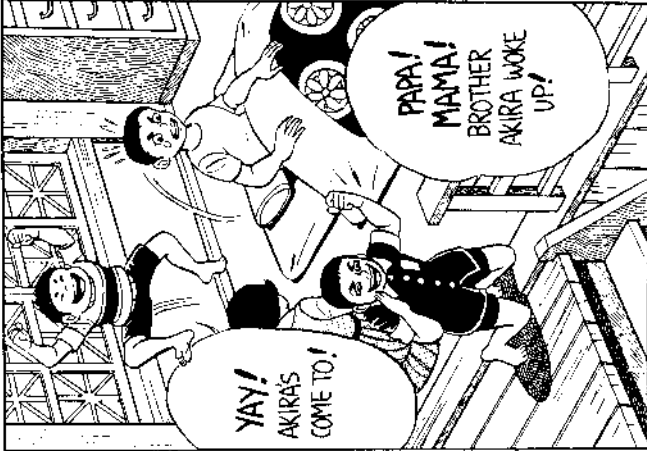
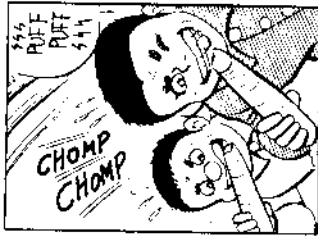
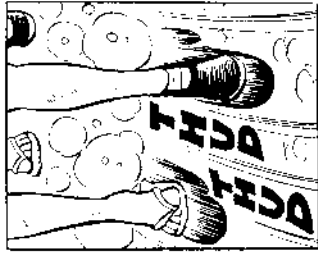
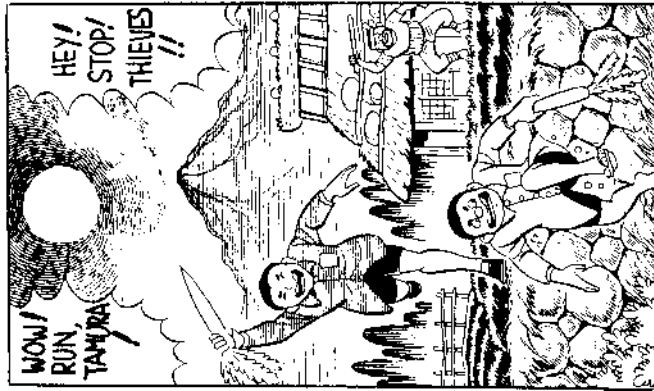


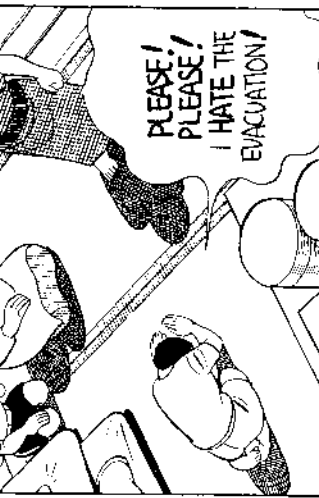
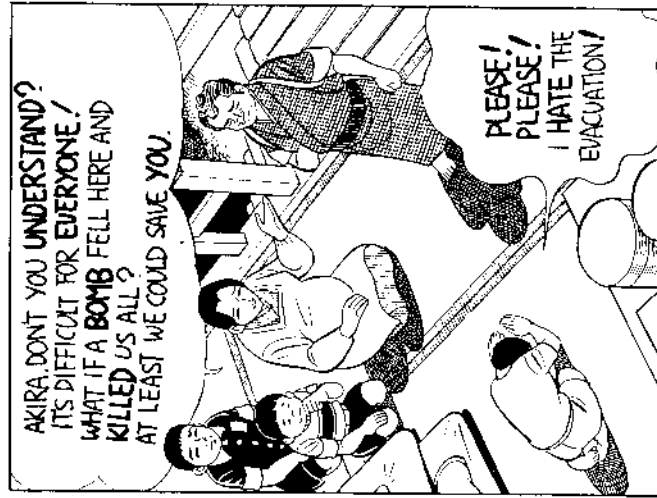


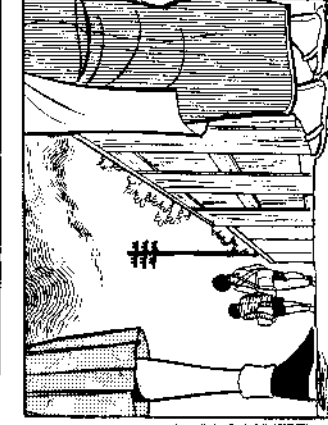
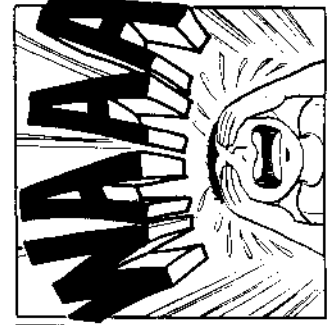
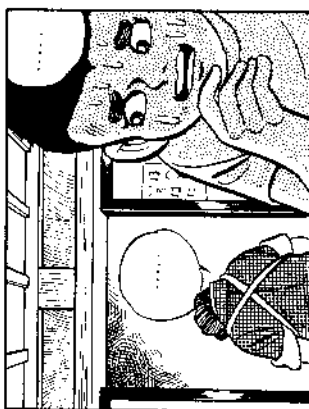
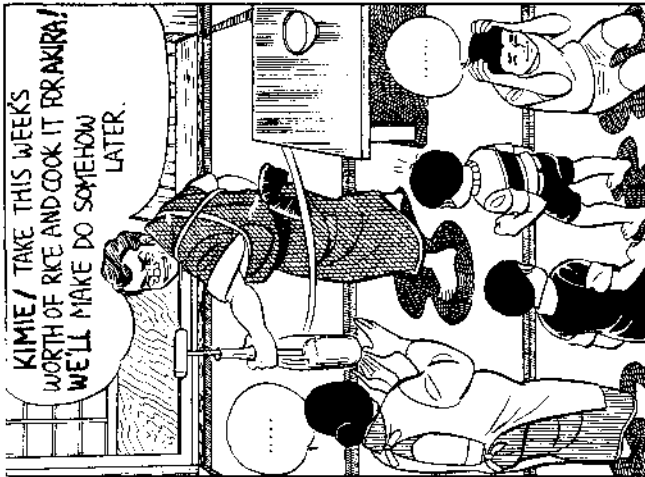
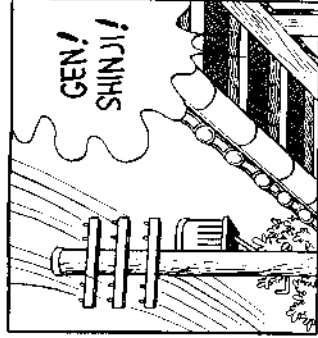
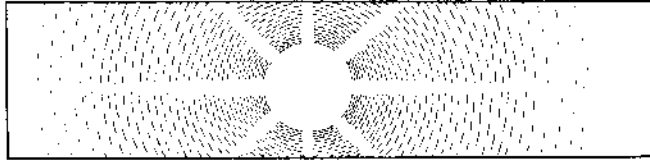
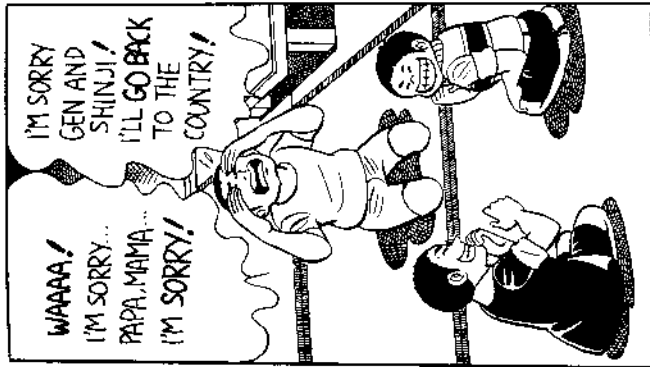


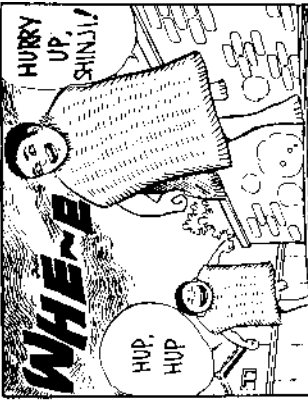
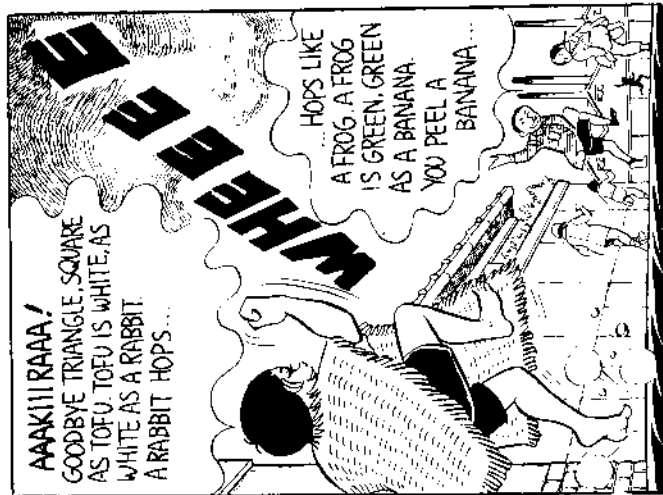
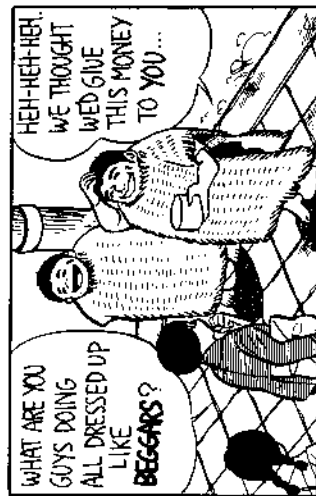
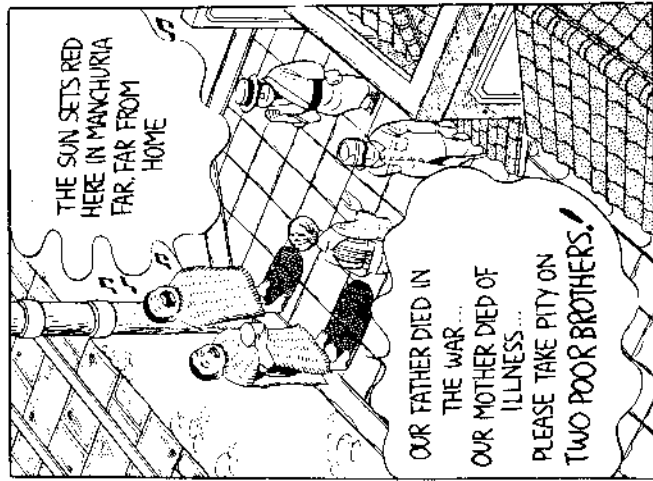


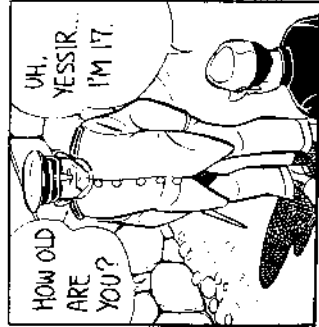
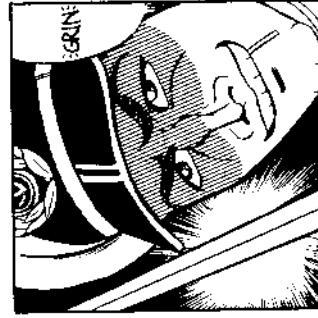
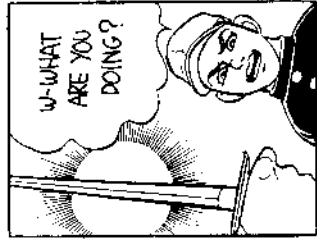
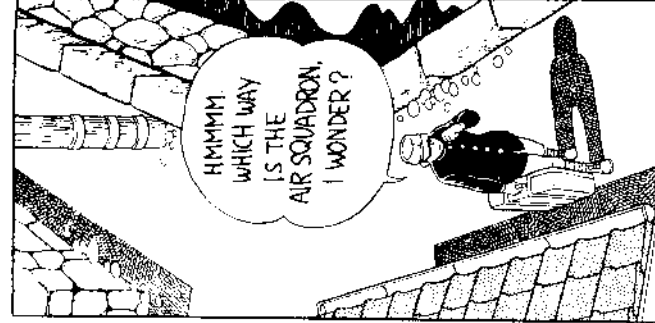
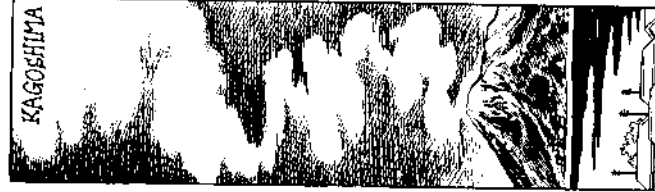
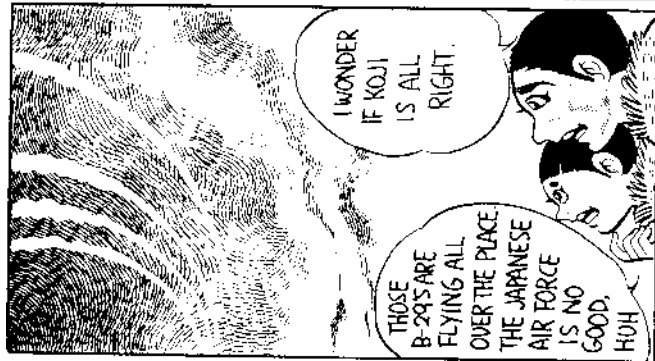


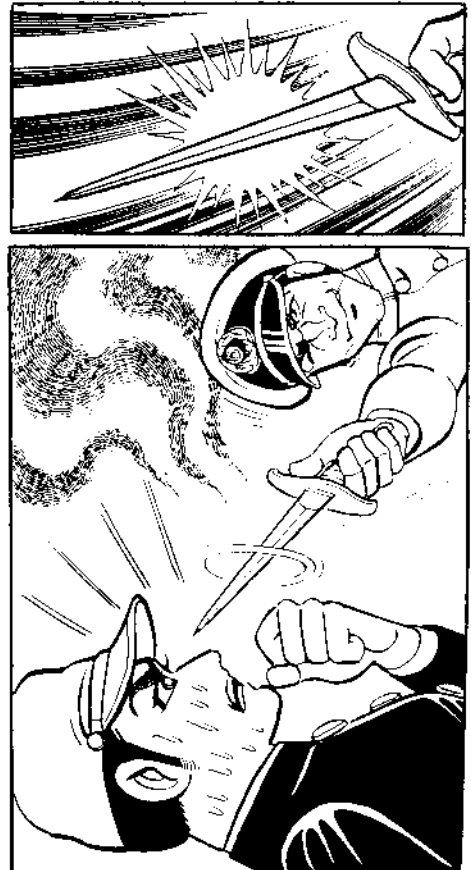
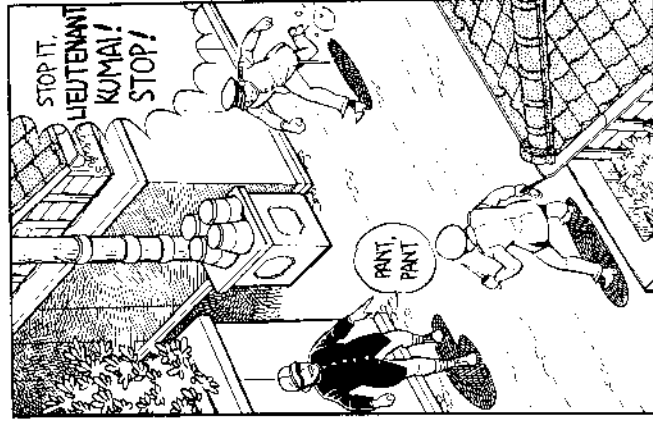


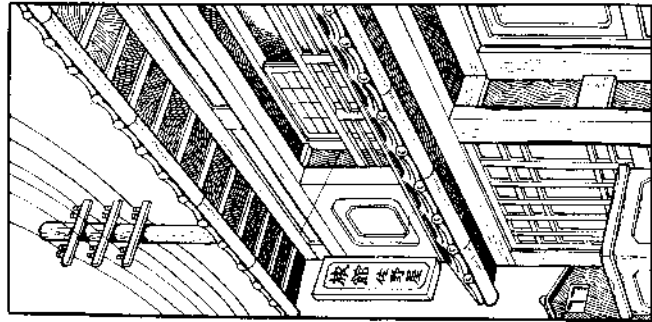




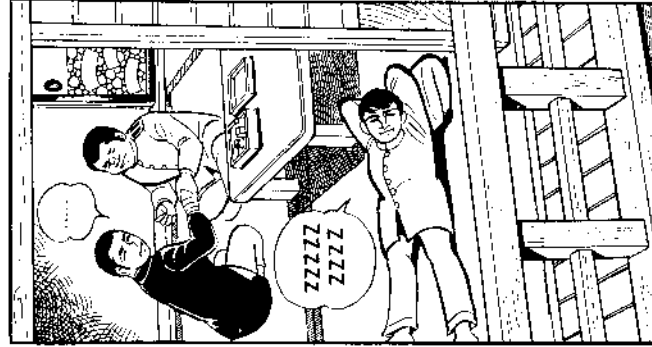




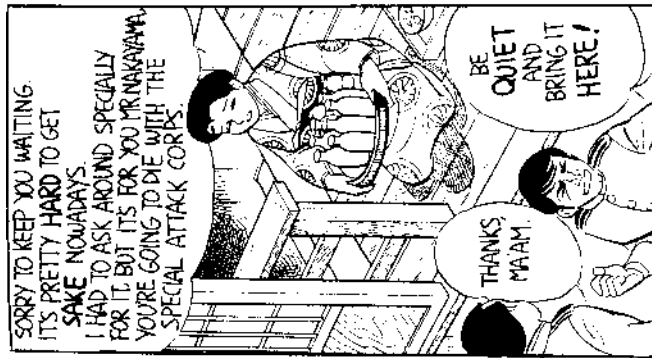




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NAKAYAMA!
WHERE'S
THE
SAKE?
UH,
YEAH...



SORRY TO KEEP YOU WAITING.
IT'S PRETTY HARD TO GET
SAKE NOWADAYS.

I HAD TO ASK AROUND SPECIALLY
FOR IT, BUT IT'S FOR YOU MR. NAKAYAMA.
YOU'RE GOING TO DIE WITH THE
SPECIAL ATTACK CORPS.

THANKS,
MA'AM.

BE
QUIET
AND
BRING IT
HERE!



AH, HELL.
IN FIVE DAYS I WON'T
EVEN BE ABLE TO
DRINK ANY MORE.



HEY KID!
COME ON!
YOU DRINK
TOO!



YOU WON'T DRINK
THE SAKE OF
A WAR HERO?



HEY/ HEY!
LANDLADY!
HURRY UP WITH
THE SAKE!

KUMAI!
DON'T
ANNOY THE
INNKEEPER!



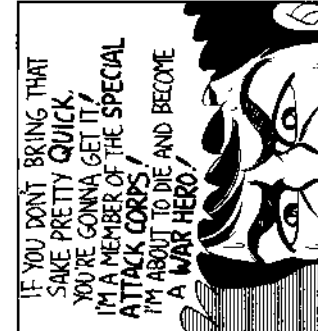
HEY!
LANDLADY!
HMPF.
HE'S A REAL BAD
ONE ALL RIGHT.
HE GETS CRAZY
WHEN HE'S DRUNK.



GO AHEAD AND DRINK.
HE WANTS TO DRINK
WITH EVERY BODY SO
HE CAN FORGET
ABOUT DYING.



THERE'LL COME A TIME WHEN
YOU'LL BE IN THE SAME
POSITION AS ME AND KUMAI.
AS LONG AS THE WAR
GOES ON...



IF YOU DON'T BRING THAT
SAKE PRETTY QUICK,
YOU'RE GONNA GET IT!
I'M A MEMBER OF THE SPECIAL
ATTACK CORPS!
I'M ABOUT TO DIE AND BECOME
A WAR HERO!



THE
SPECIAL
ATTACK
CORPS
?



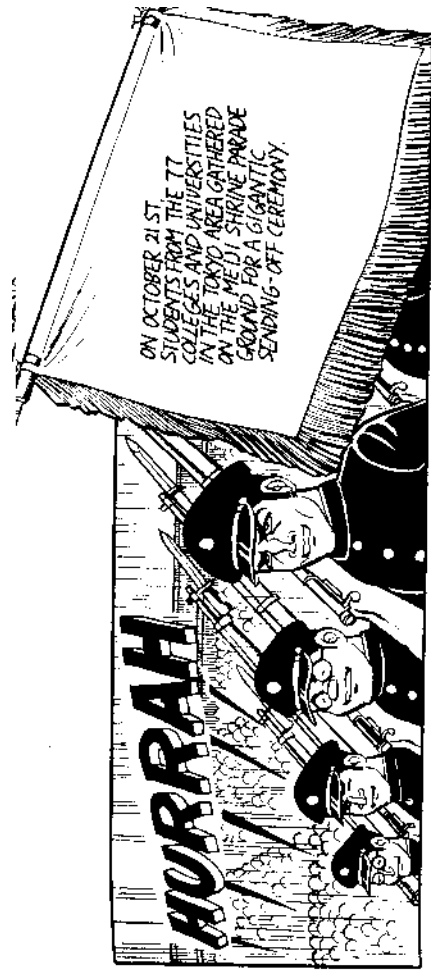
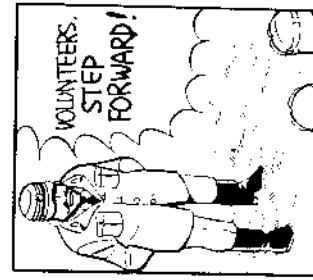
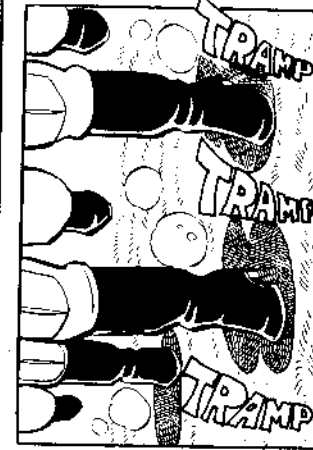
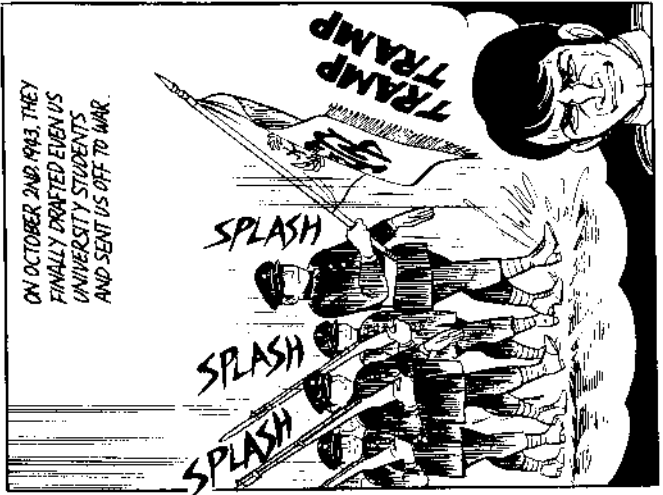
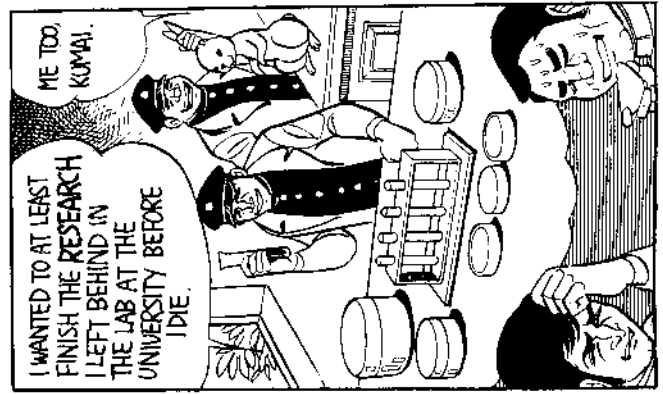
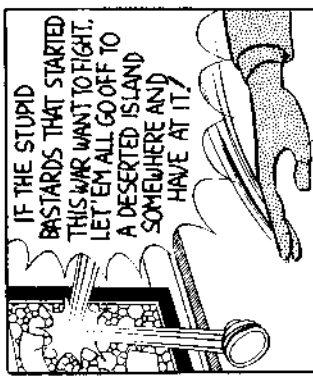
ME TOO.
IN FIVE DAYS ME AND
KUMAI ARE GOING TO
DIE RIDING A BOMB
INTO AN ENEMY BATTLESHIP
OFF OKINAWA.

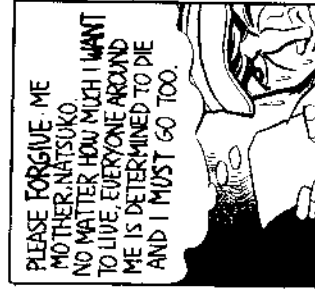
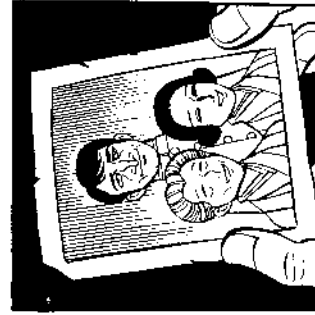
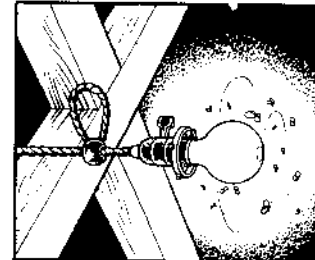
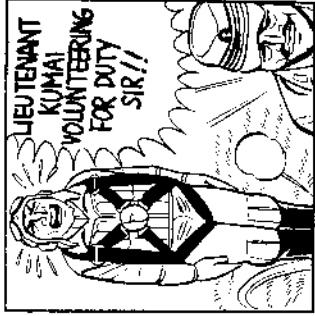
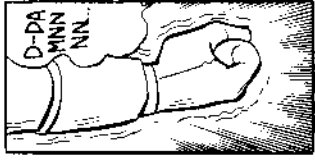
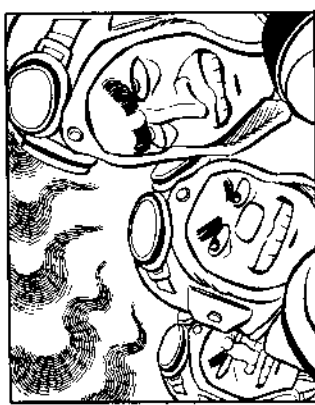
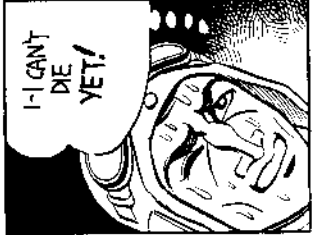
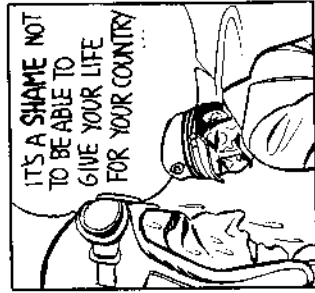
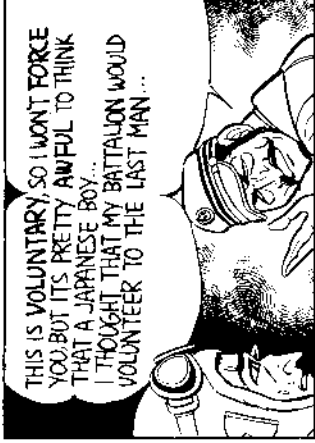
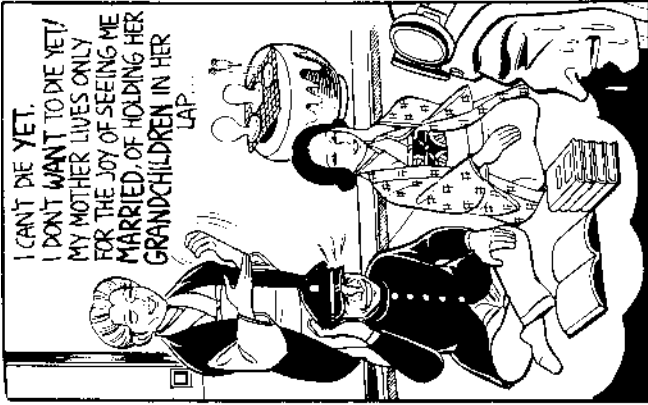
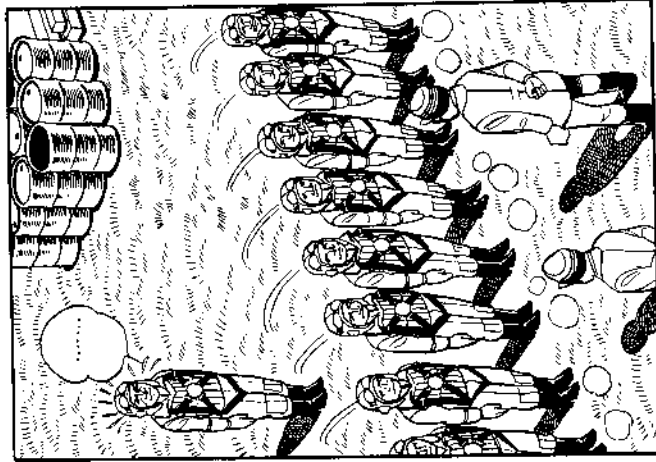


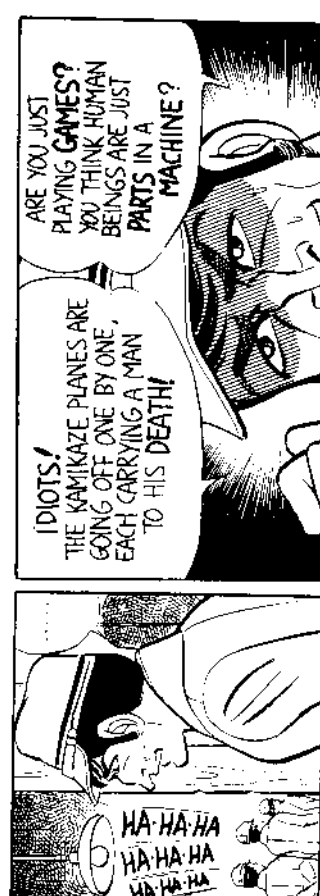
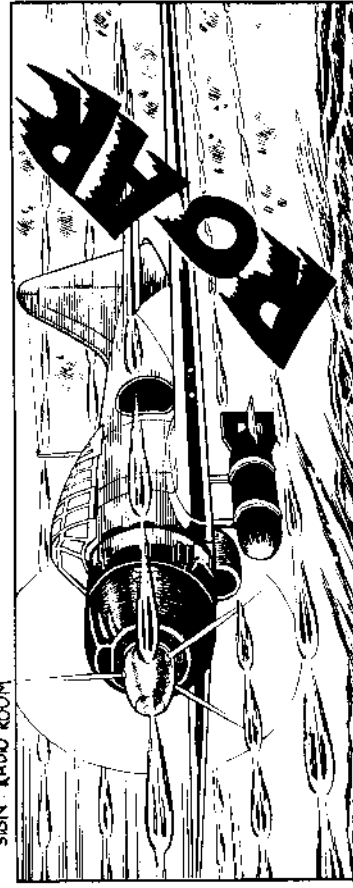
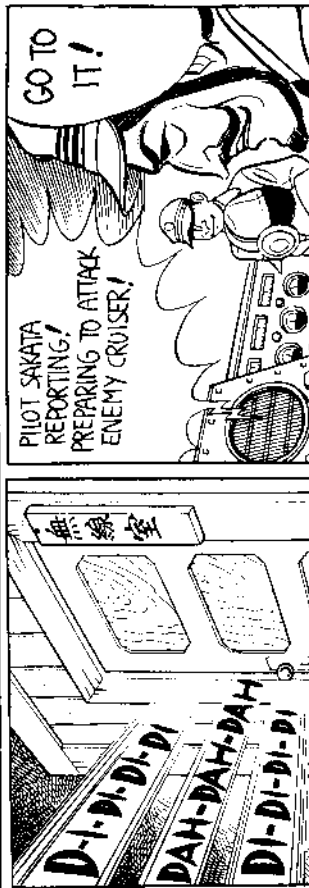
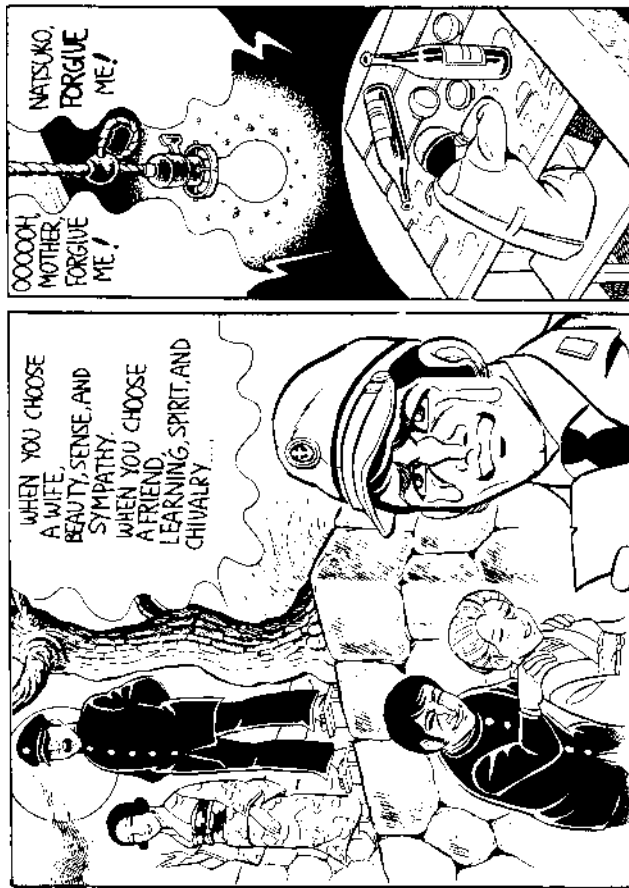
HEY KID!
YOU'RE
A BIG
FOOL!!

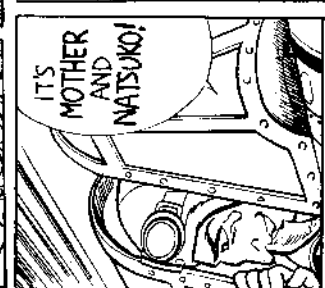
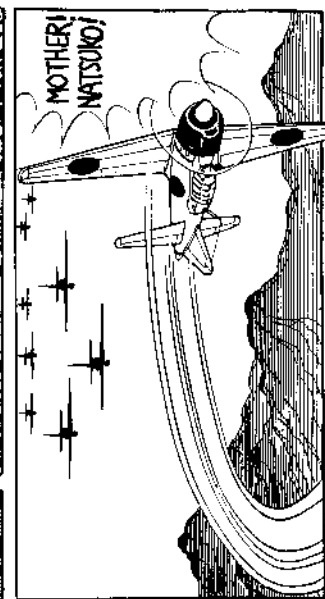
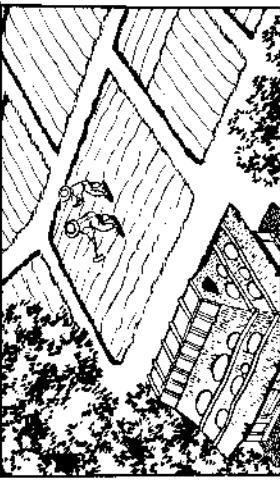
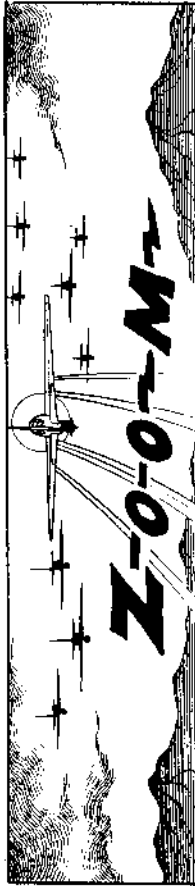
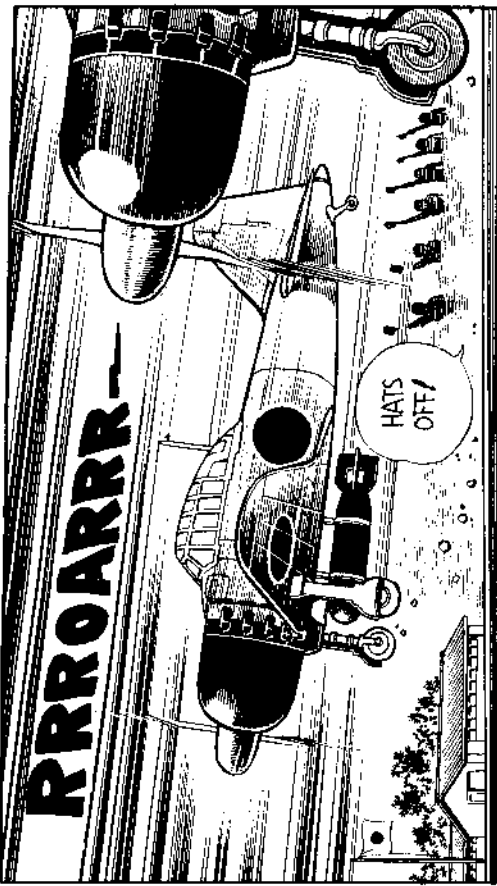
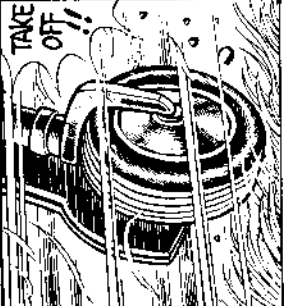
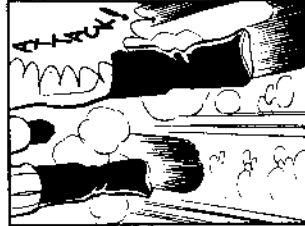
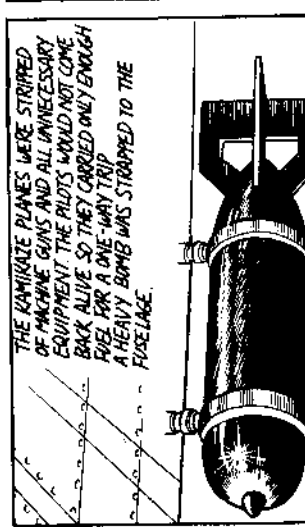
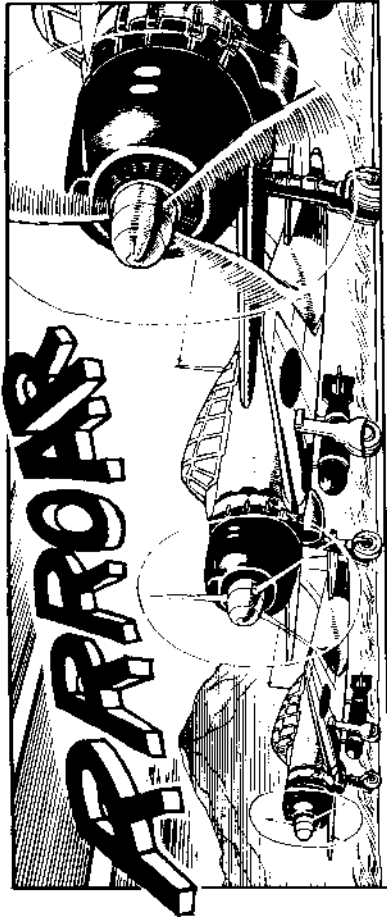
IT REALLY BUGS ME,
KIDS LIKE YOU SIGNING
UP JUST SO YOU CAN DIE!

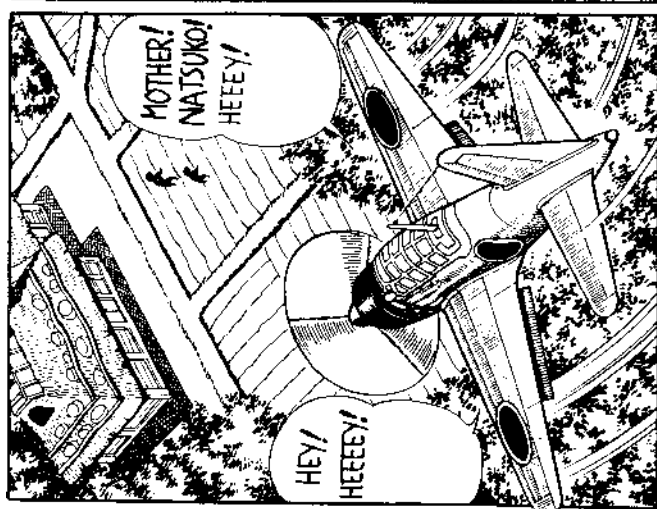
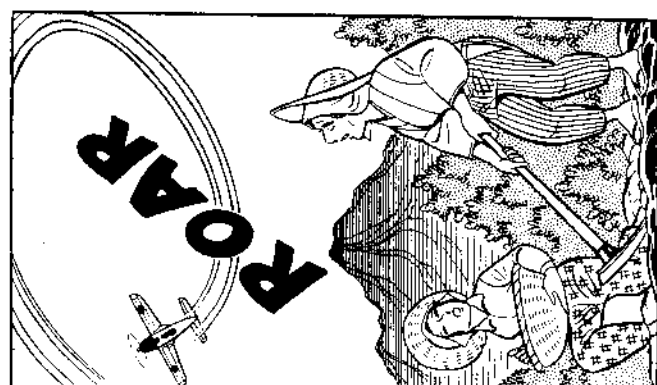
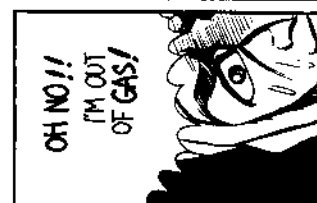
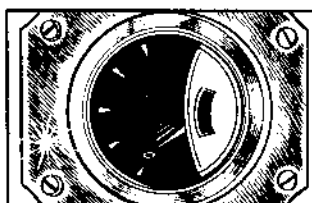
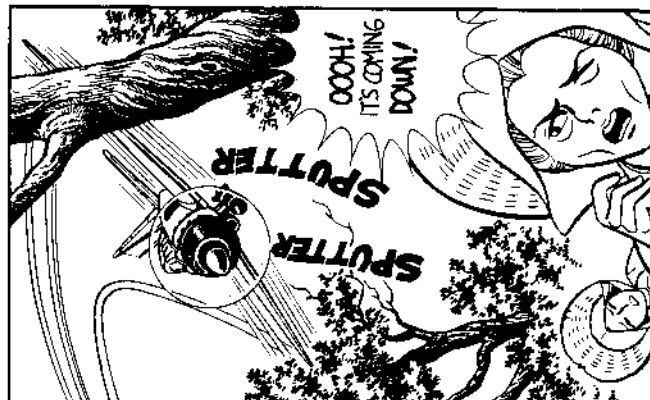
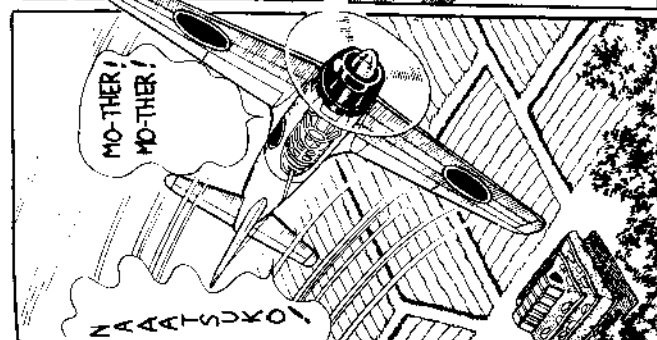
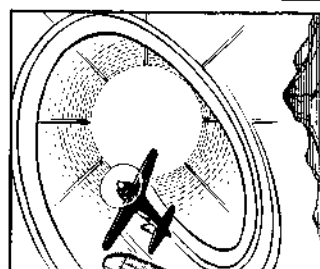
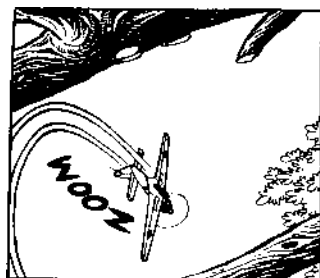
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YOUR
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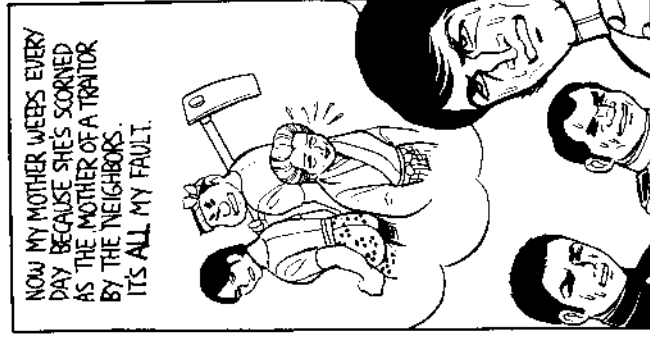
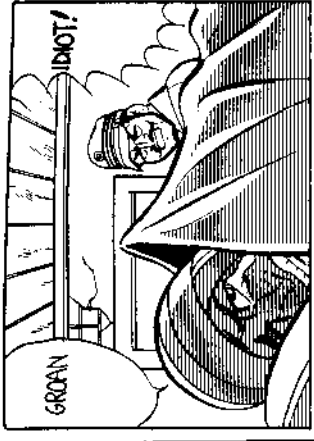
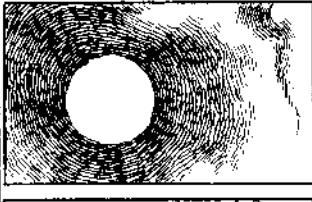
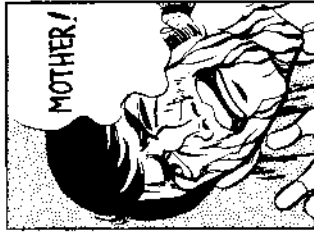
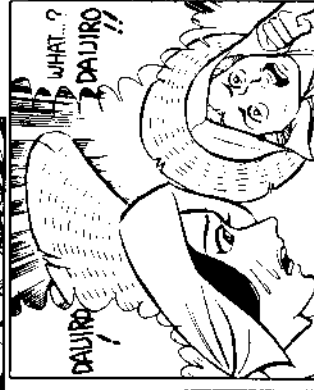
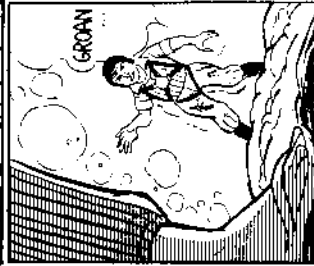
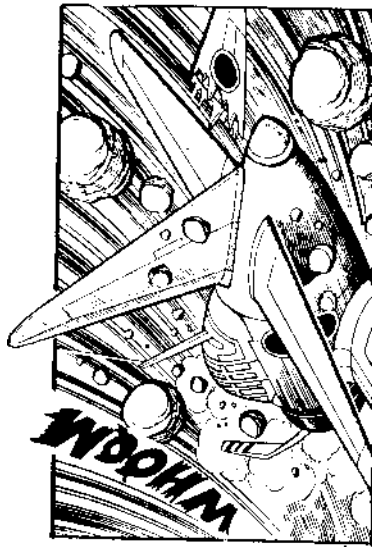


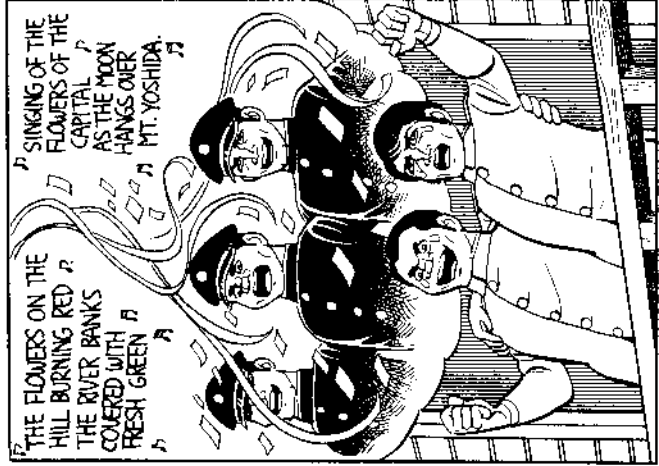
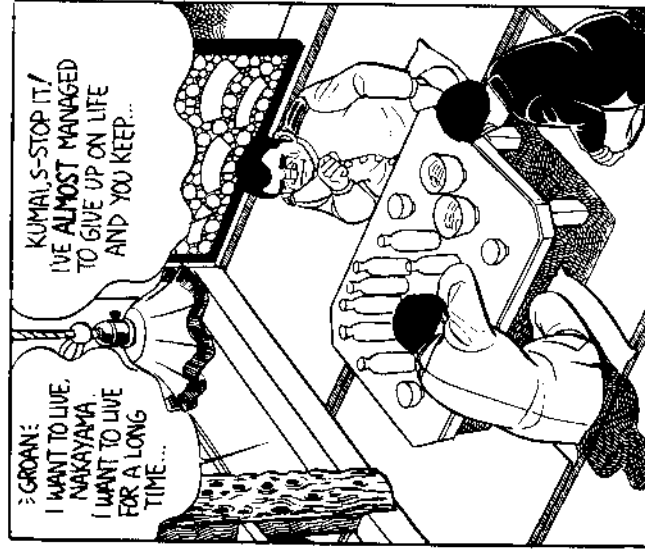
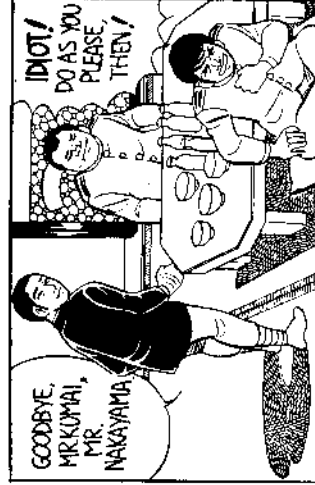
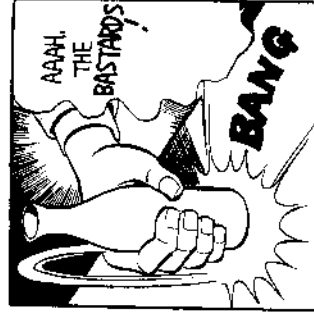


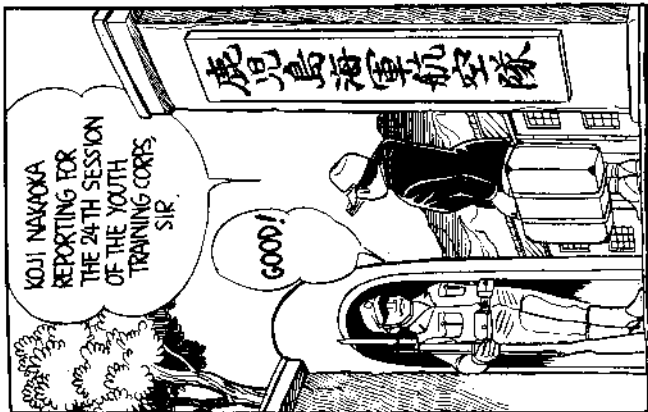
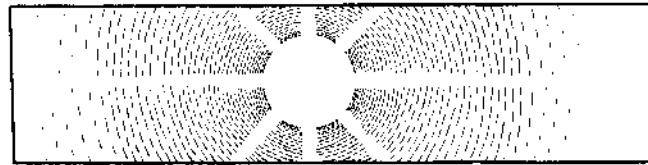






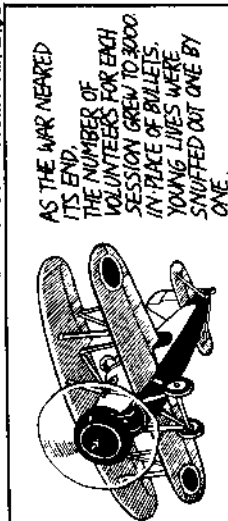




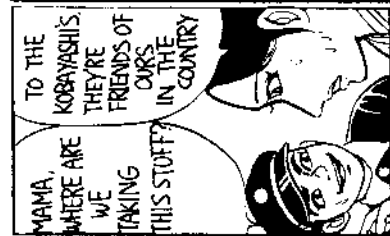
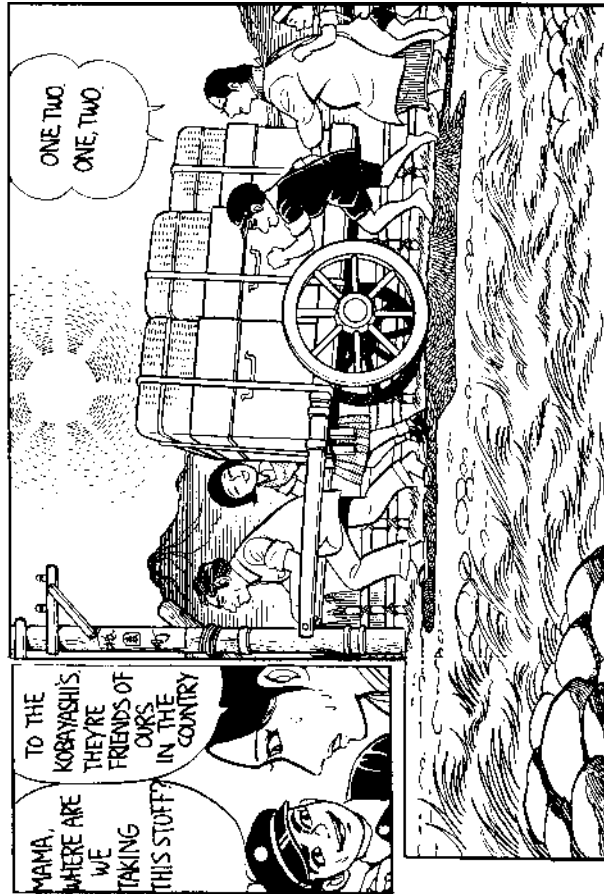
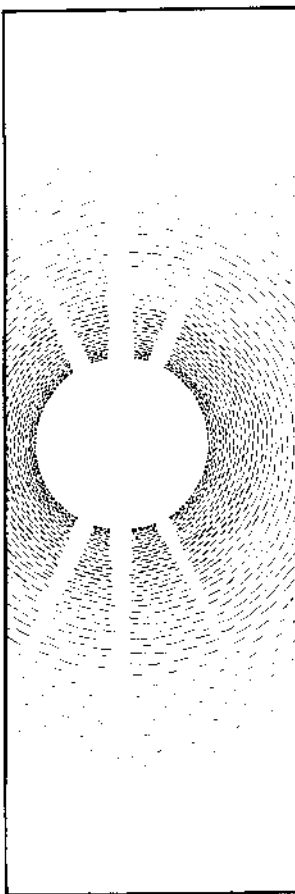


POSTER WELCOME YOUNG EAGLES
JOIN THE YOUTH TRAINING
CORPS

SGT. KAGOSHIMA NAVAL AIR CORPS



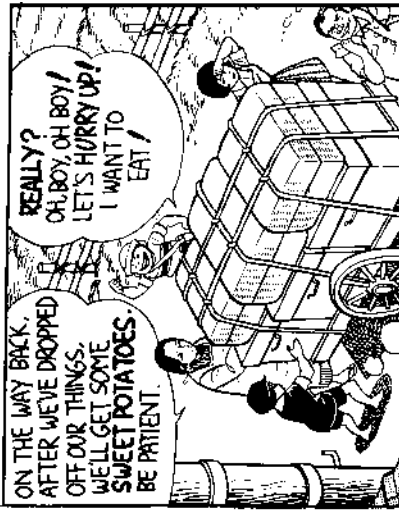
AS THE WAR NEARED
ITS END,
THE NUMBER OF
VOLUNTEERS FOR EACH
SESSION GREW TO 3000
IN PLACE OF BULLETS,
YOUNG LIVES WERE
SNUFFED OUT ONE BY
ONE.

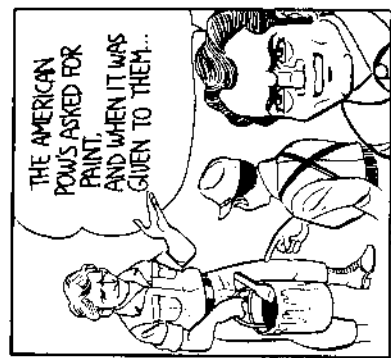
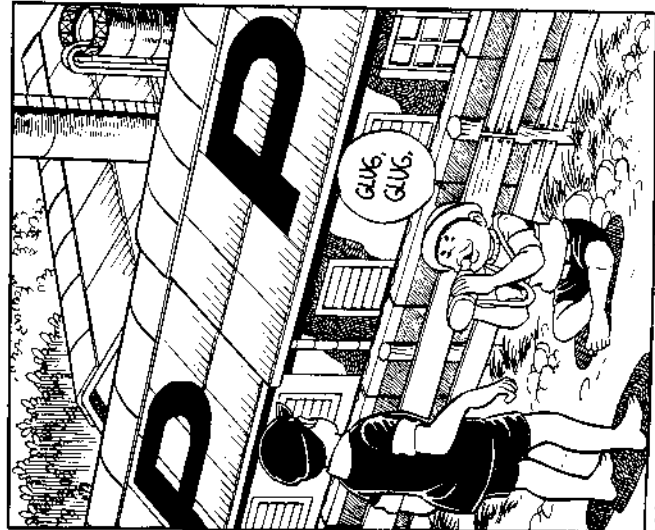
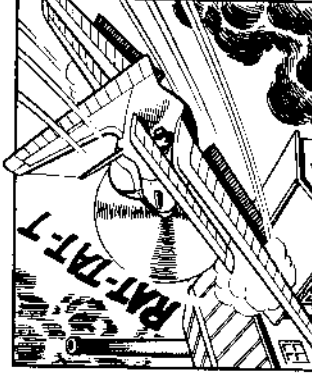
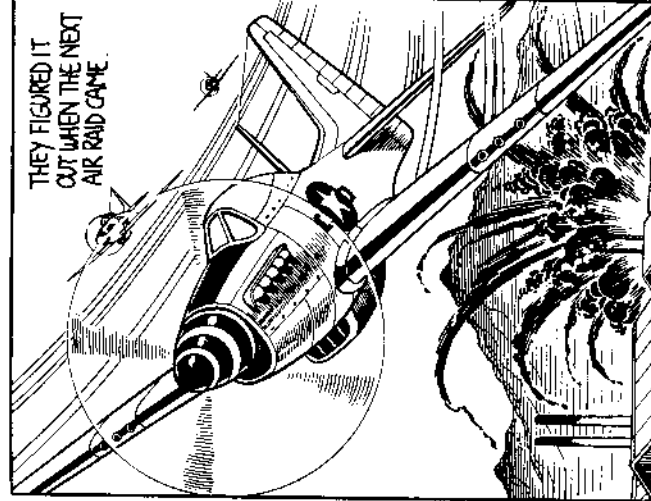
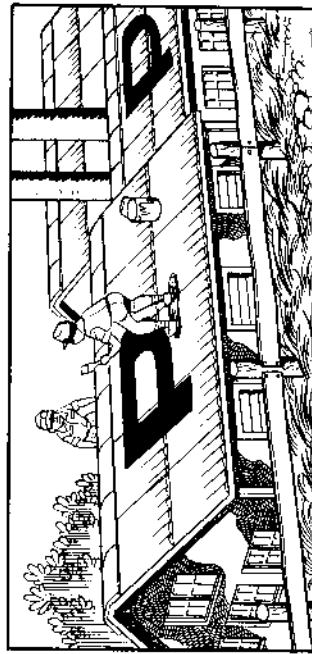
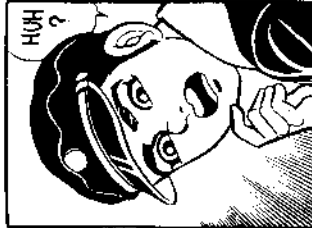
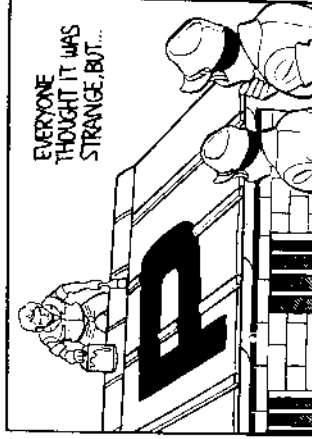
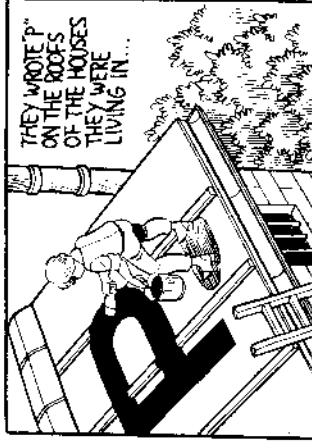
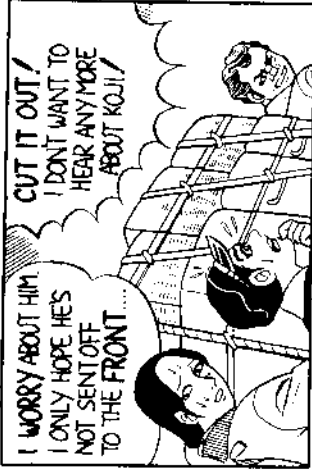


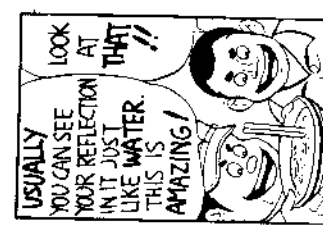
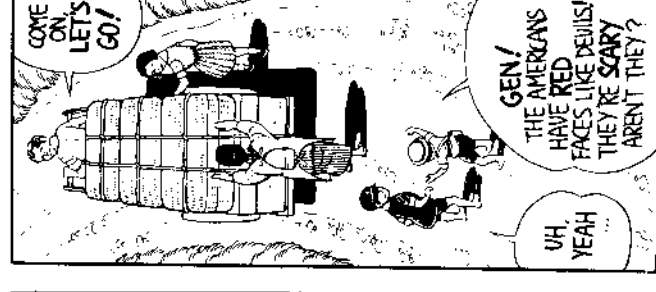
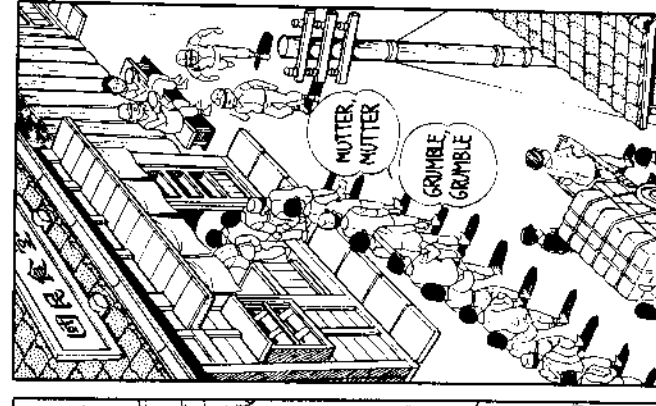
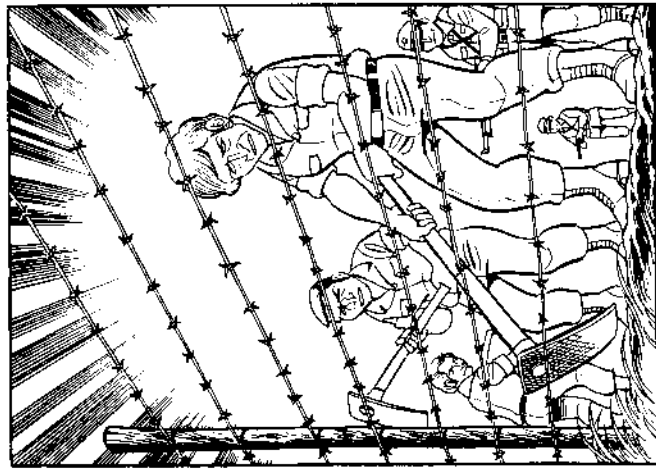
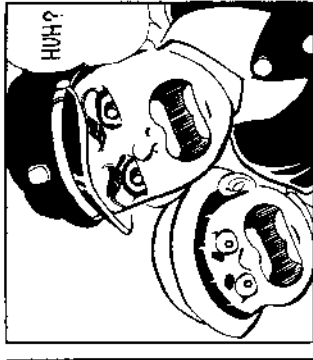
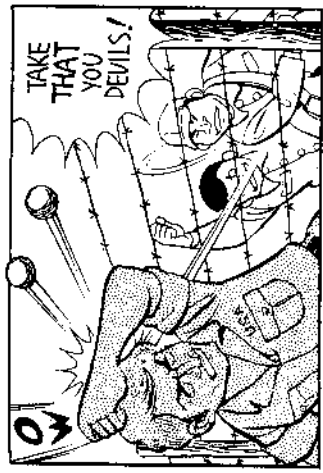
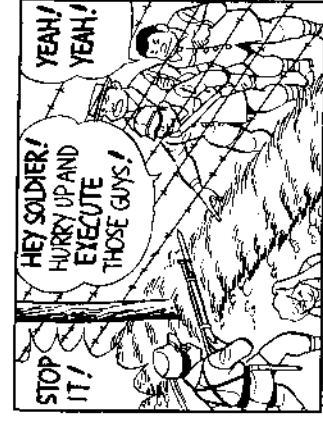
IF OUR HOUSE GOT
BURNED DOWN IN
AN AIR RAID,
ALL YOU CHILDREN'S
CLOTHES AND THINGS
WOULD BE GONE.

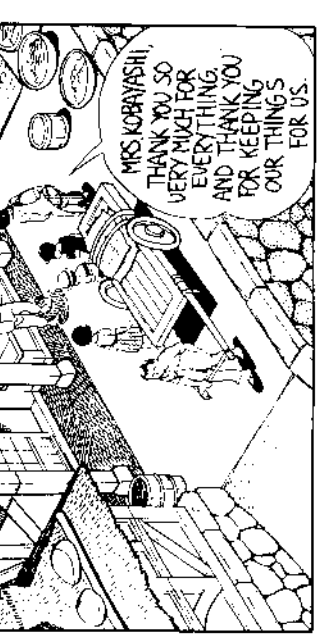
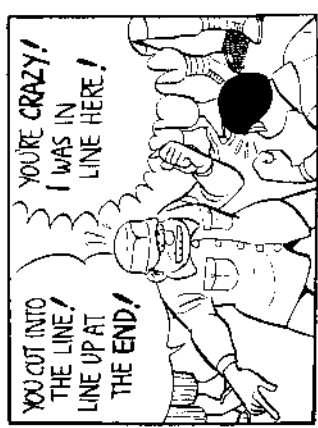
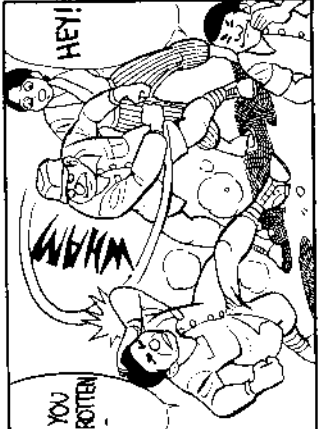
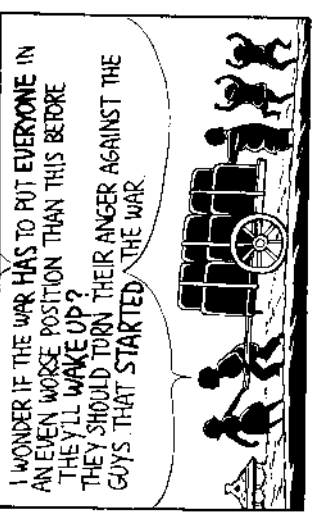
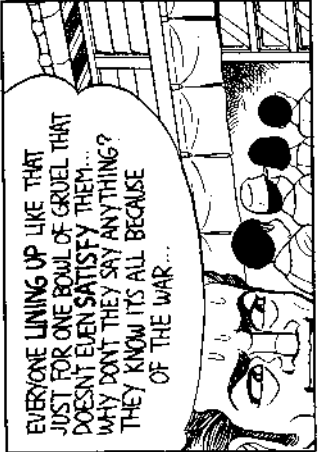
ON THE WAY BACK,
AFTER WE'VE DROPPED
OFF OUR THINGS,
WE'LL GET SOME
SWEET POTATOES.
BE PATIENT.

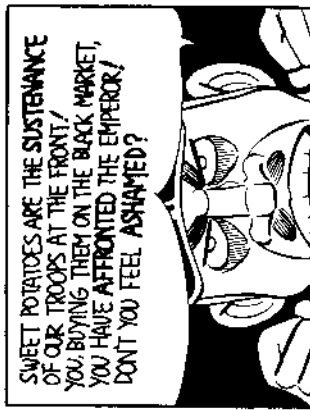
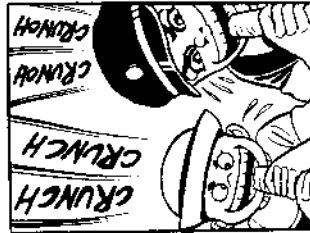
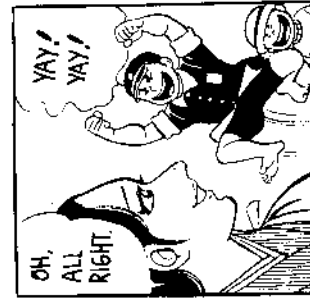
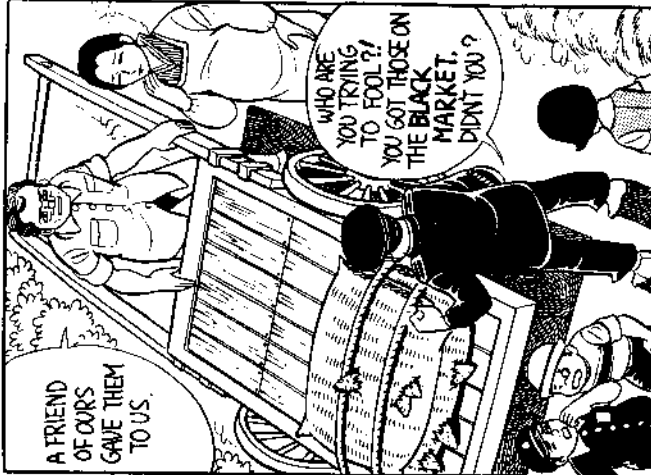
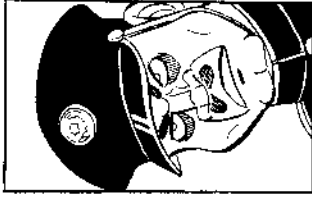
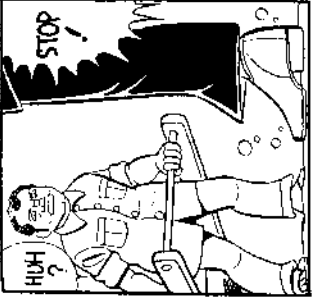
REALLY?
OH BOY, OH BOY!
LET'S HURRY UP!
I WANT TO
EAT!

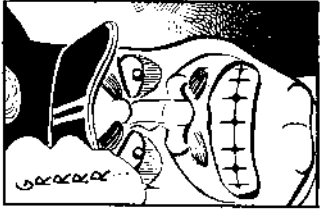
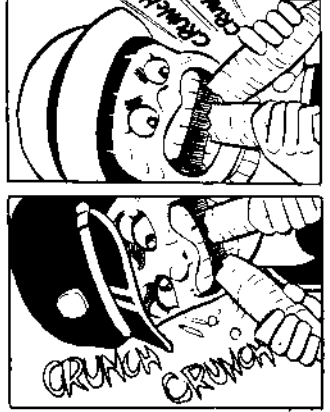
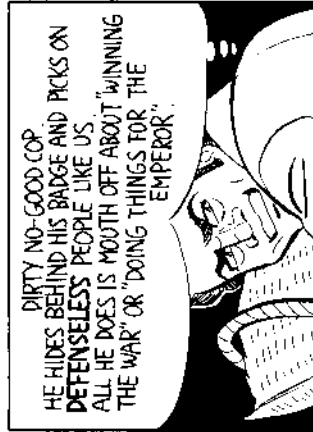
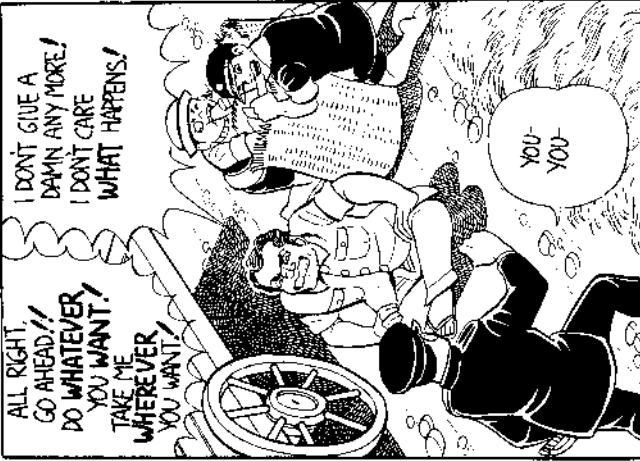
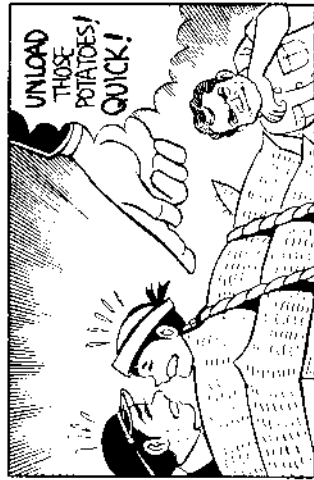














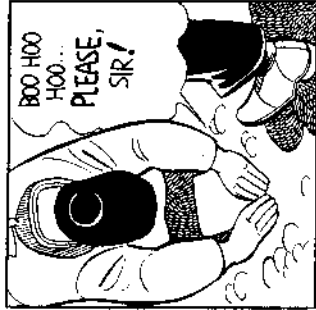
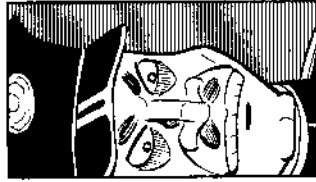
YOU BRATS!
WHAT DO YOU THINK
A POLICEMAN
IS, ANYWAY?!



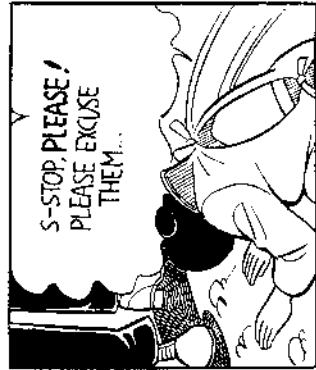
ME TOO!
I WON'T
FORGET
EITHER!
YOU BETTER
WATCH OUT!

WHEN I GROW UP
I'M GONNA FIND
YOU AND BEAT YOUR
BRAINS OUT!
YOU BETTER
WATCH OUT!

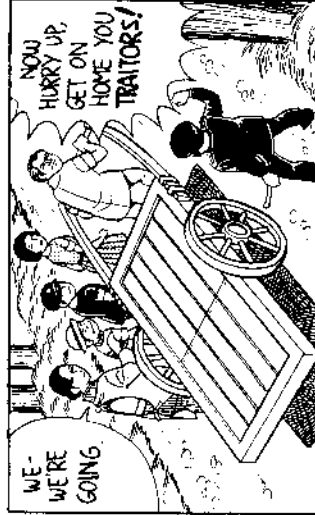
I'LL
NEVER
FORGET
YOUR FACE,
MISTER!



BOO HOO
HOO...
PLEASE,
SIR!



S-STOP, PLEASE!
PLEASE EXCUSE
THEM...



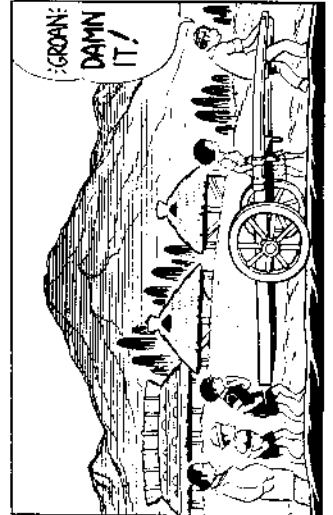
YOU
HURRY UP,
GET ON
HOME YOU
TRAITORS!

WE-
WE'RE
GOING



BUT IF YOU EVER
INSULT A
POLICEMAN A
SECOND TIME
IT WON'T GO
EASY WITH YOU!

BECAUSE YOU
REQUEST IT MAAM,
I'LL OVERLOOK
THIS
TODAY.



GROAN:
DAMN
IT!



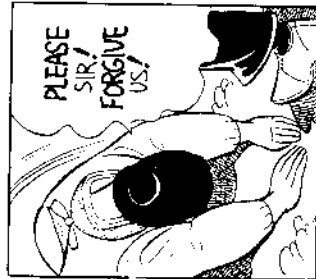
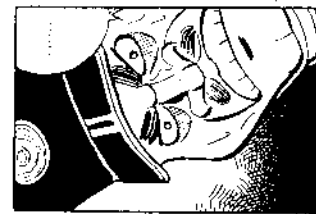
T-THANK
YOU
VERY MUCH,
SIR.



YOU
BUNCH
OF
TRAITORS!



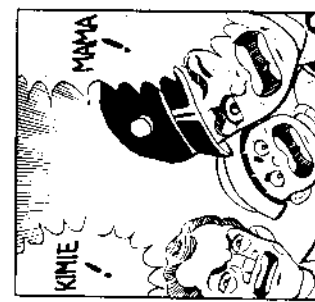
SO YOU THINK
YOU CAN INSULT
AN OFFICER,
DO YOU?



PLEASE
SIR!
FORGIVE
US!



W-WAIT, PLEASE...
MY HUSBAND HAS A SHORT TEMPER.
I'M SORRY IF HE INSULTED YOU.
PLEASE FORGIVE US!



MAMA!

KIMIE!



AAAH!



PLEASE...

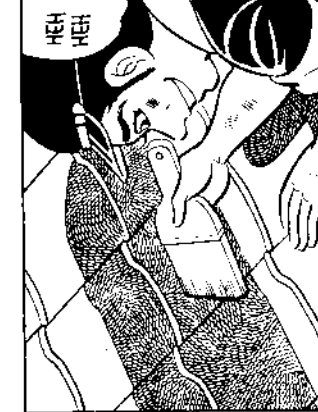
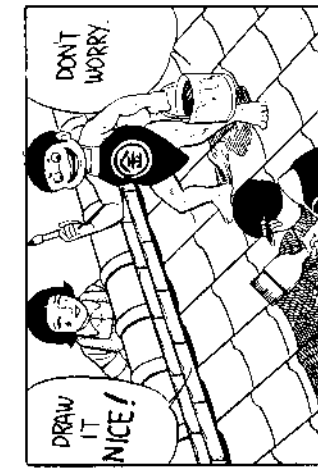
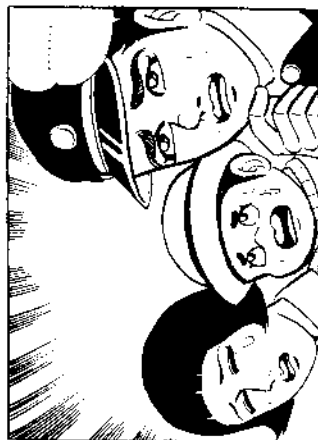
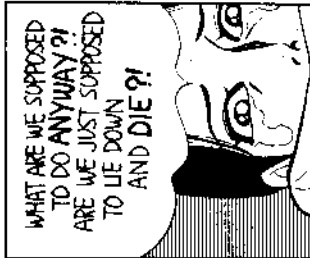
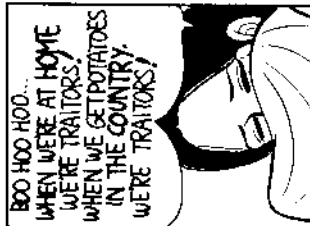


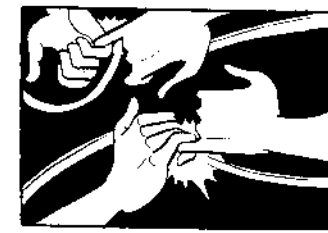
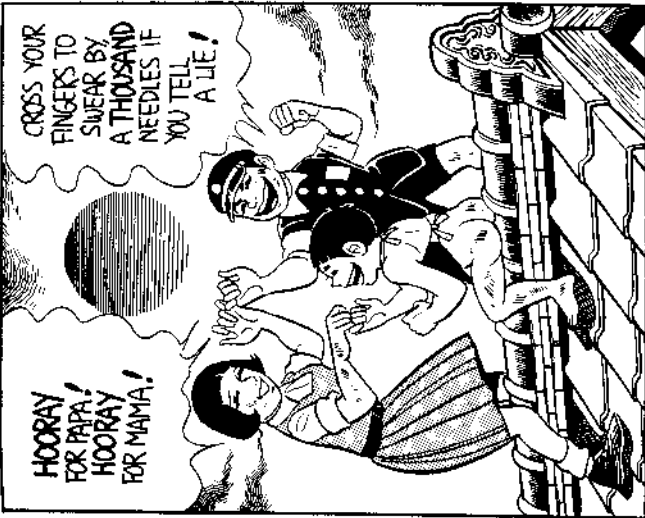
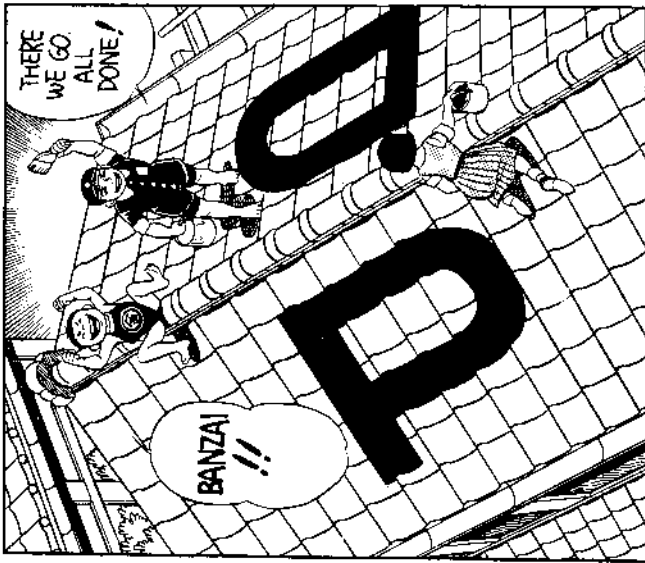
YOU DUMB COP!
YOU BIG FAT
BULLY!!

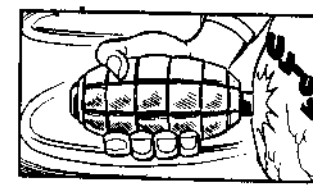
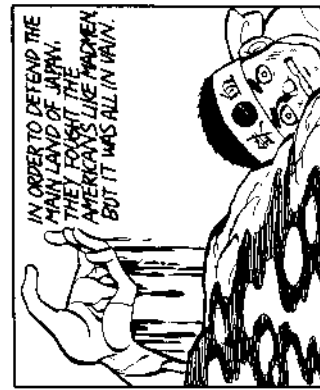
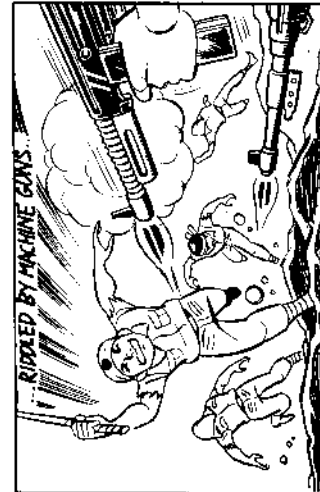
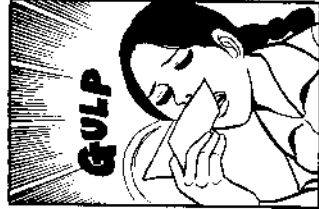
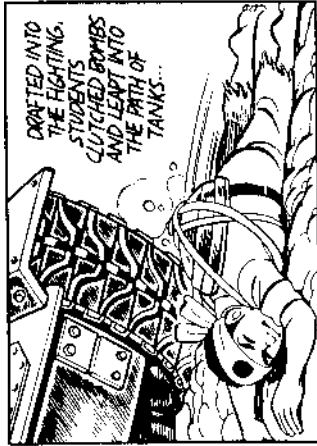
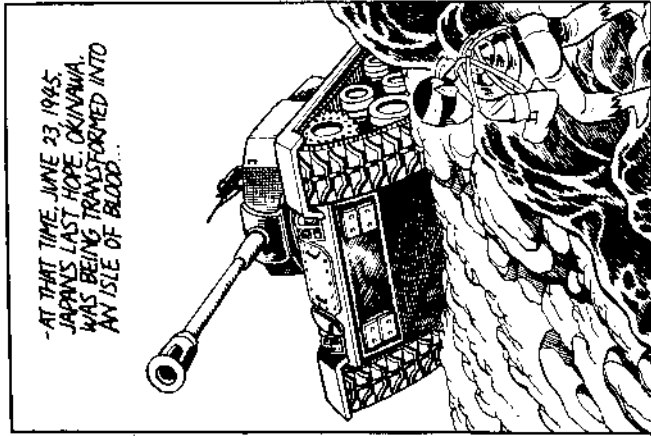
YOU ROTATO
THIEF!
YOU
MURDERER
!!

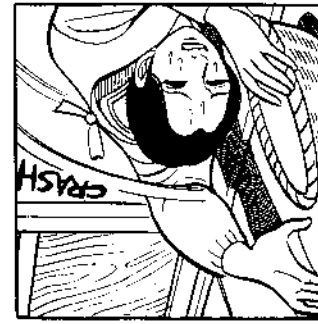
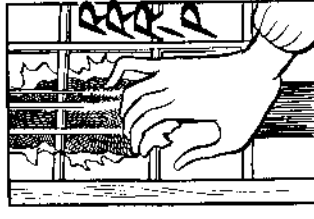
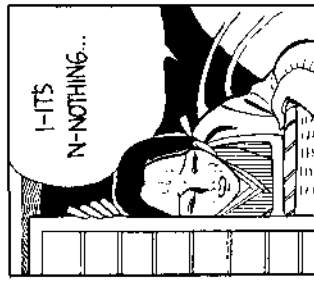
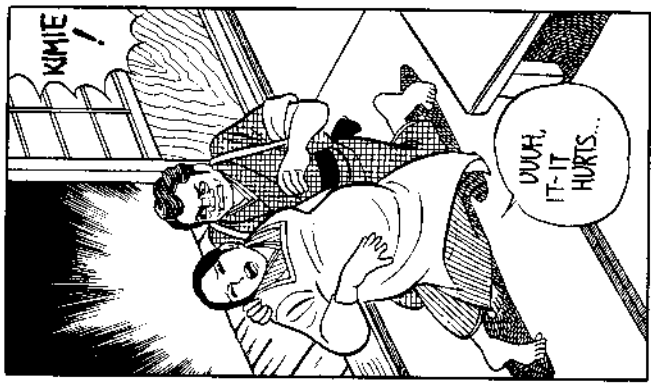
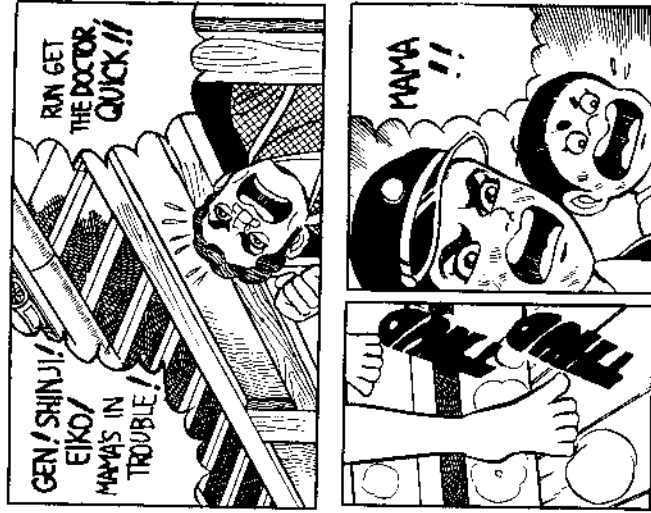
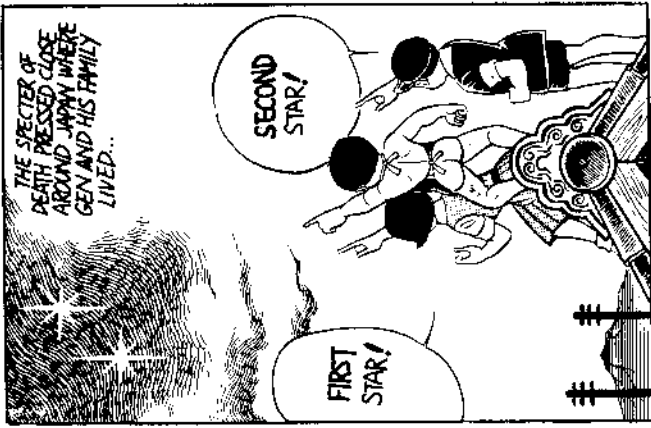
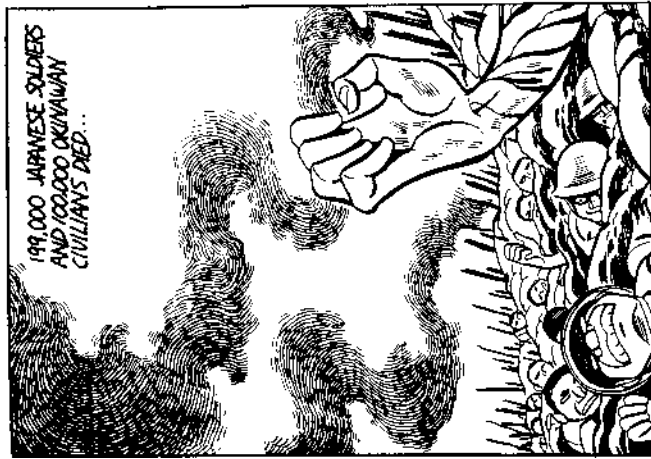


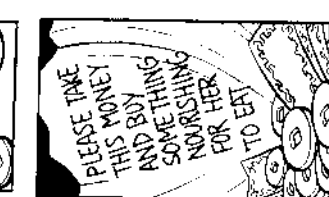
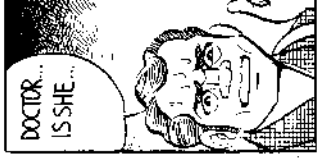
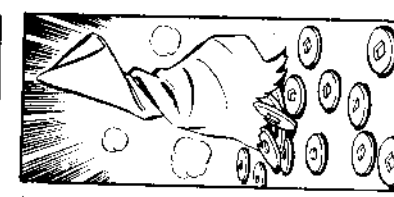
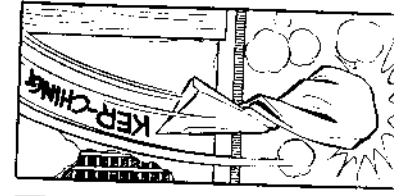
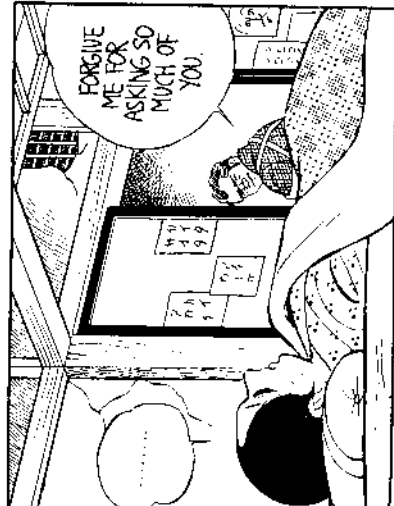
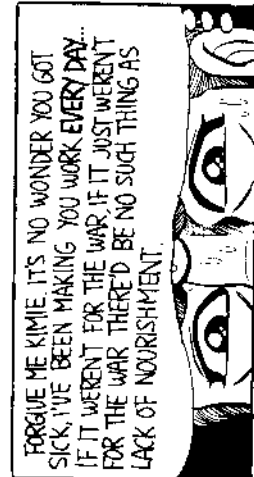
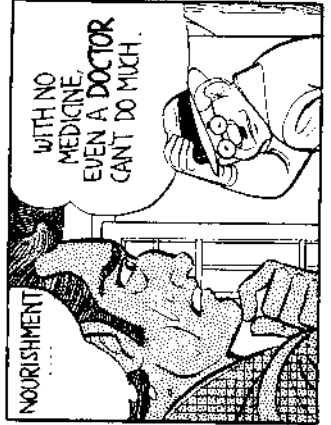
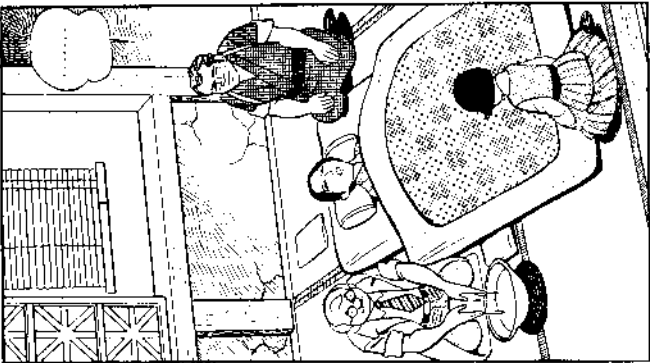
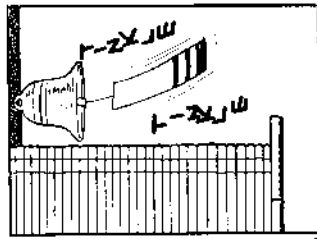
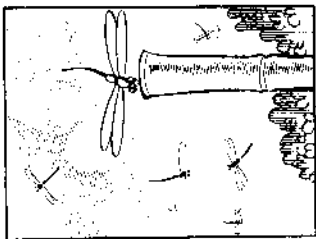
Y-YOU GOOD FOR NOTHING,
STINKING COP!
YOU THINK YOU CAN KICK
MY MOTHER AROUND?
SHE HAS A BABY IN HER
STOMACH!

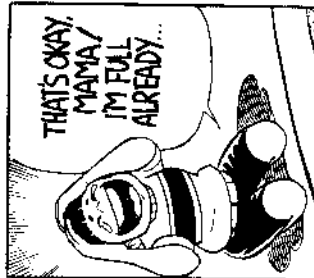
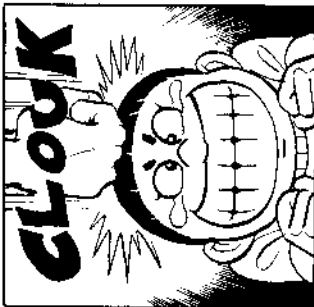
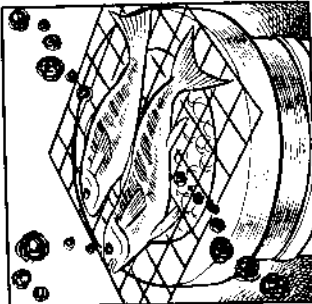
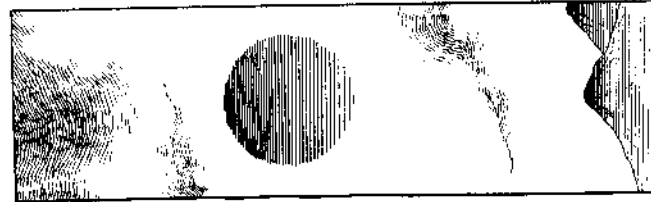
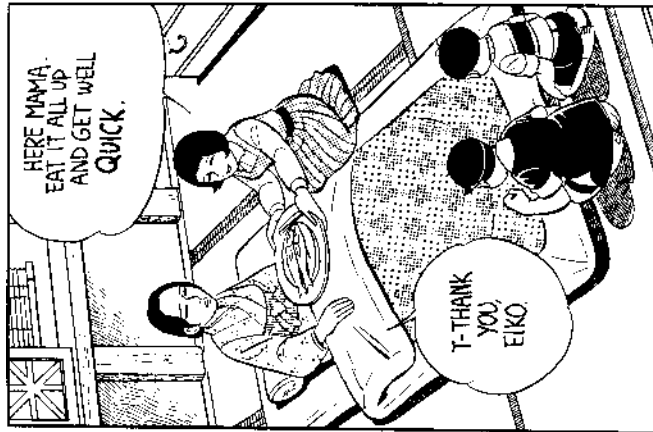
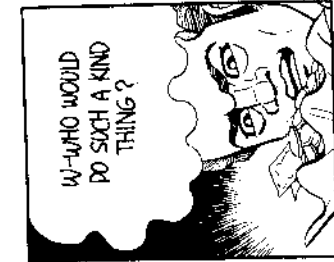


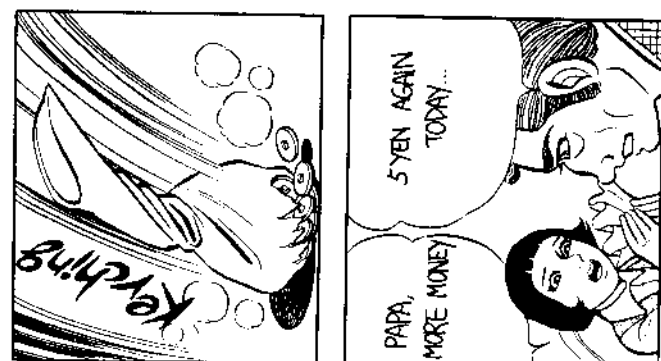
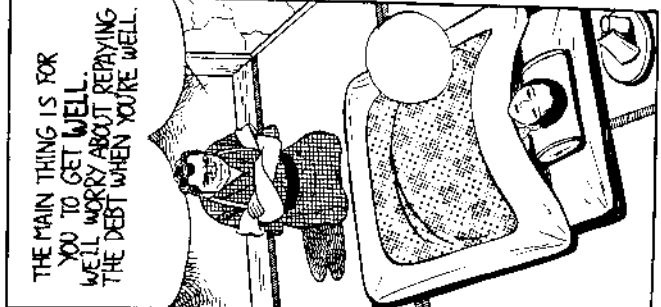
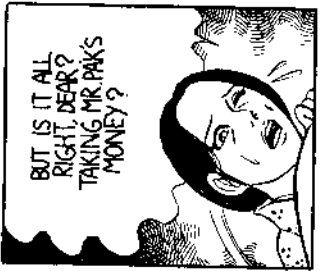
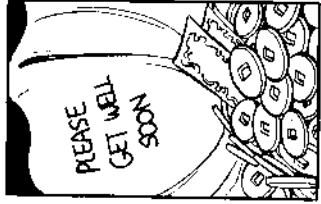
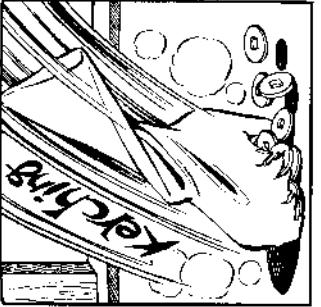
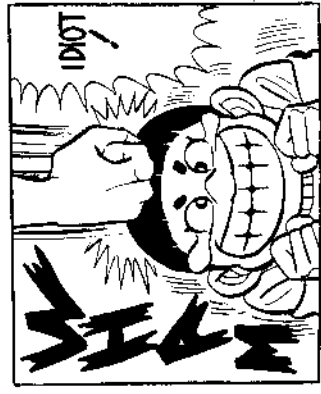
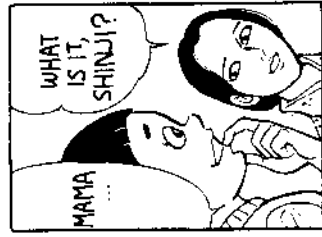
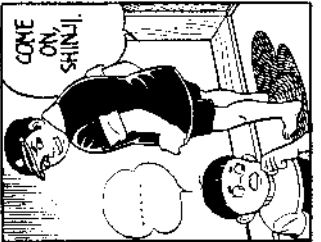


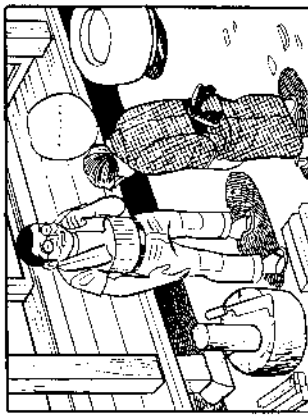
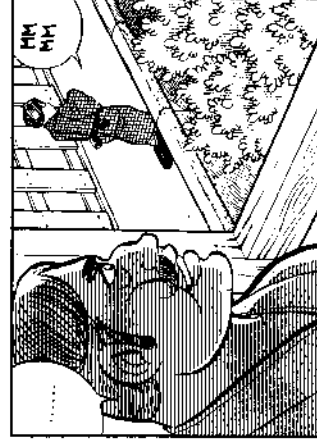
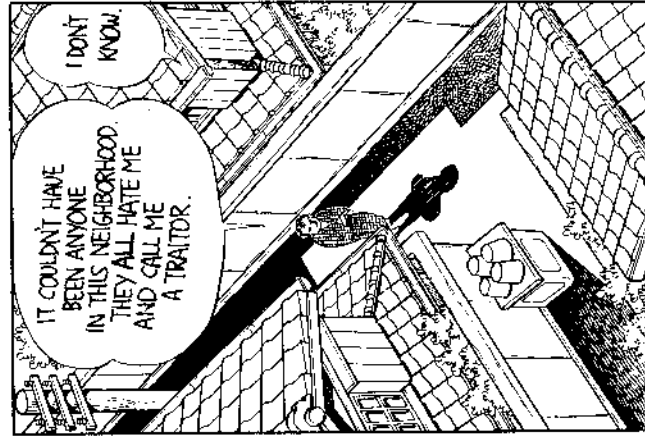
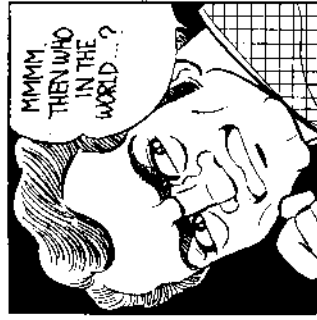
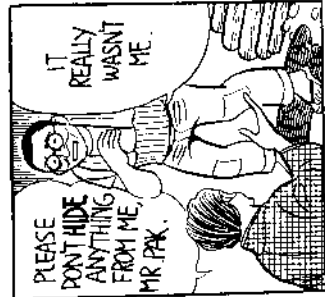
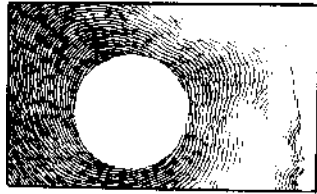
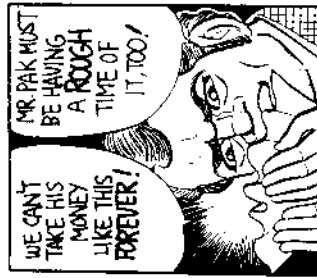


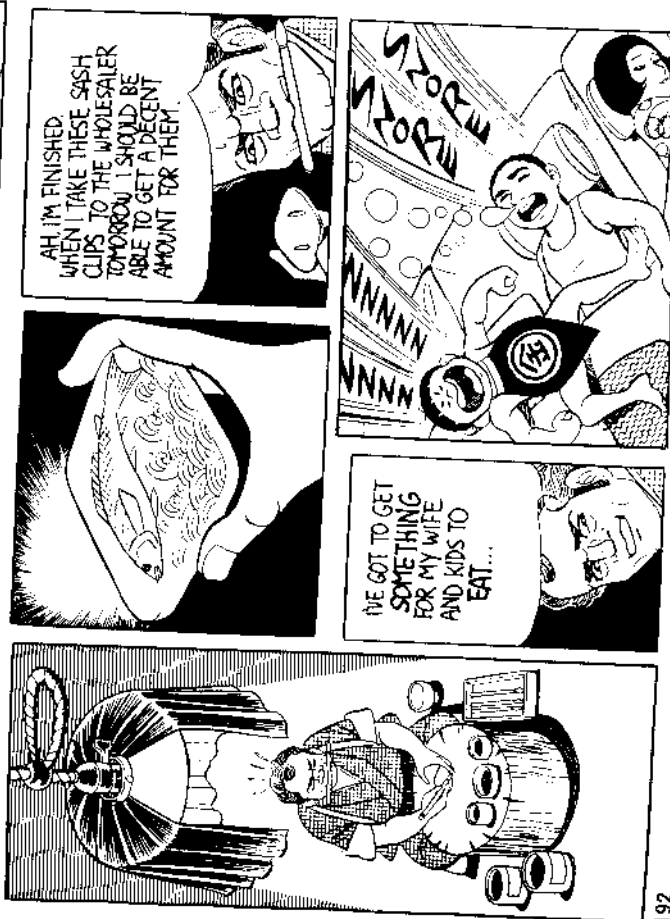
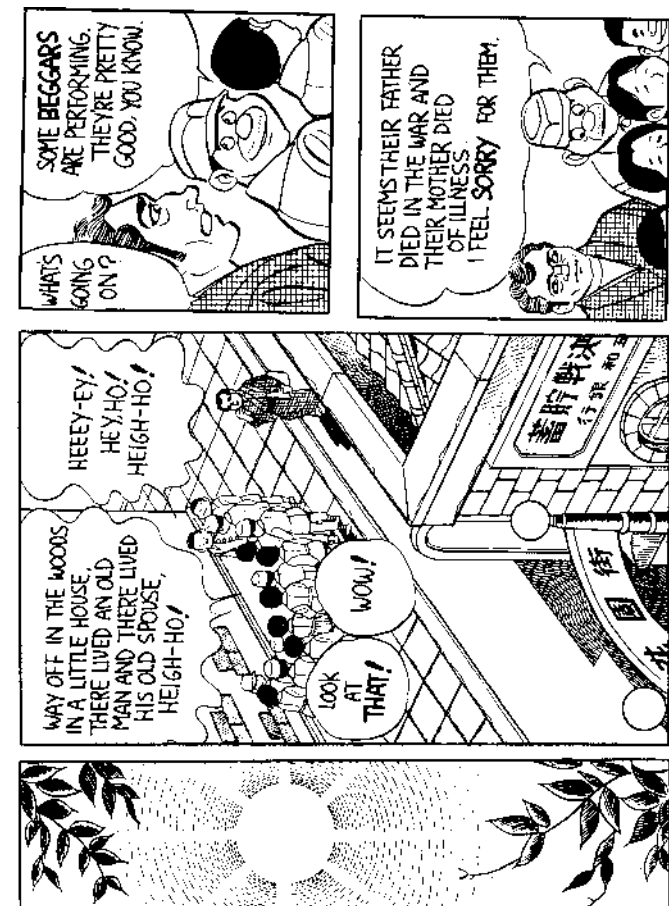


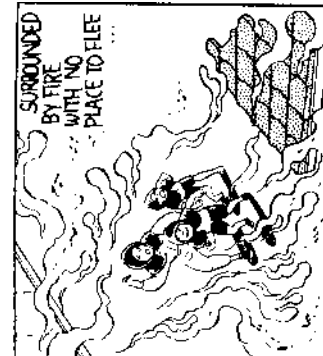












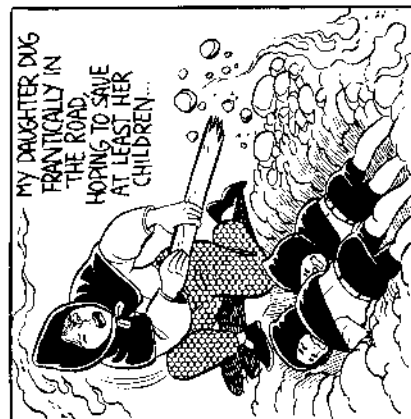
SURROUNDED
BY FIRE
WITH NO
PLACE TO FLEE...



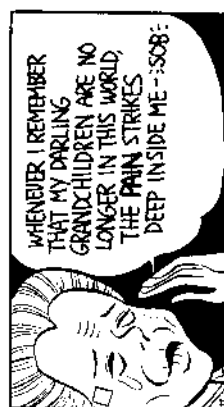
MY
GRANDCHILDREN
WERE BURNED
TO DEATH
IN AN AIR RAID
ON TOKYO.



SHE FLUNG HERSELF OVER
THEM TO SHIELD THEM
FROM THE FLAMES WITH
HER OWN BODY.
BUT IT WAS NO USE...



MY DAUGHTER DUG
FRANTICALLY IN
THE ROAD,
HOPING TO SAVE
AT LEAST HER
CHILDREN...



WHENEVER I REMEMBER
THAT MY DARLING
GRANDCHILDREN ARE NO
LONGER IN THIS WORLD,
THE PAIN STRIKES
DEEP INSIDE ME--SOB:



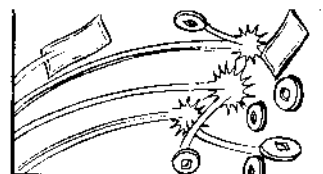
MY POOR,
POOR
GRANDCHILDREN



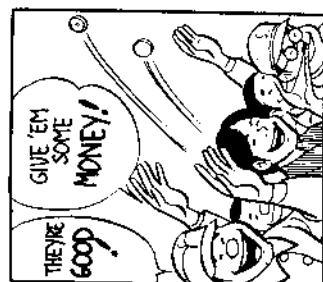
I HATE
TO DO IT,
BUT IT LOOKS
LIKE WE
BETTER MAKE
A RUN
FOR IT!



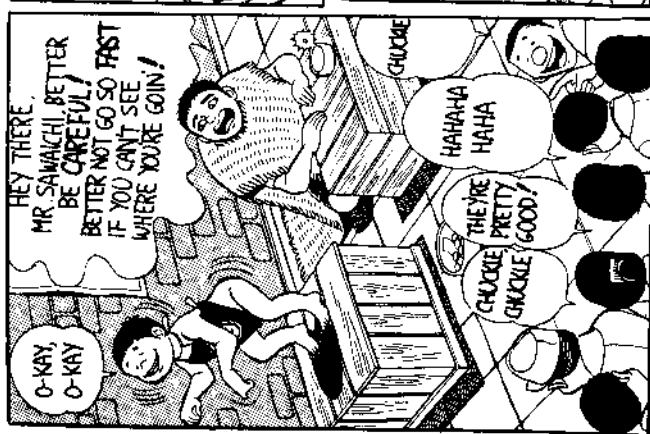
CH NO!
WE'RE
IN
A MESS!



GIVE 'EM
SOME
MONEY!



THEY'RE
GOOP!



HEY THERE,
MR. SAWACHI, BETTER
BE CAREFUL!
BETTER NOT GO SO FAST
IF YOU CAN'T SEE
WHERE YOU'RE GOIN'!

HAHAHA
HAHA

THEY'RE
PRETTY GOOD!

CHUCKLE
CHUCKLE



THANK
YOU
LADIES
AND
GENTLEMEN!

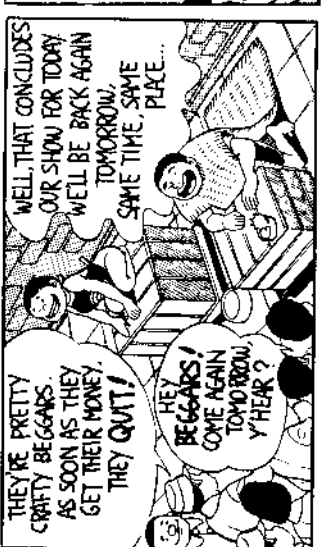
HURRY
UP
DO SOME
MORE!



HEY!
PICK UP
THE MONEY
LATER!



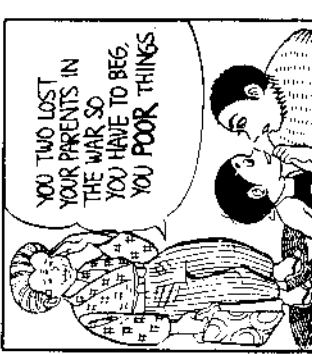
HEH HEH HEH.
WE DID PRETTY GOOD.
LET'S GET BACK
QUICK AND
THROW THE MONEY
INTO THE YARD!



WELL, THAT CONCLUDES
OUR SHOW FOR TODAY.
WE'LL BE BACK AGAIN
TOMORROW,
SAME TIME, SAME
PLACE...

THEY'RE PRETTY
CRAFTY BEGGARS.
AS SOON AS THEY
GET THEIR MONEY,
THEY QUIT!

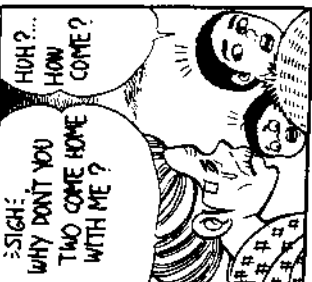
HEY
BEGGARS!
COME AGAIN
TOMORROW
Y'HEAR?



YOU TWO LOST
YOUR PARENTS IN
THE WAR SO
YOU HAVE TO BEG.
YOU POOR THINGS

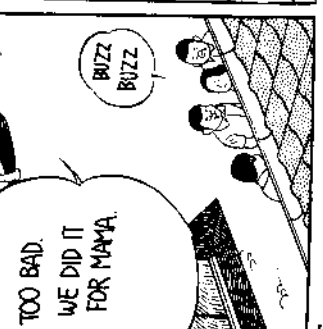
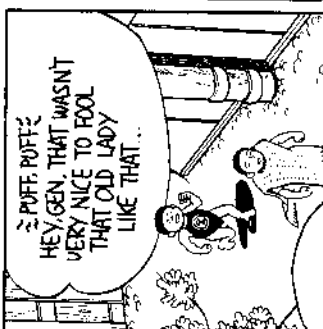
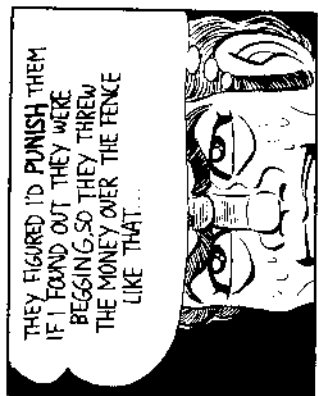
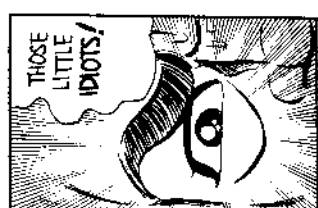
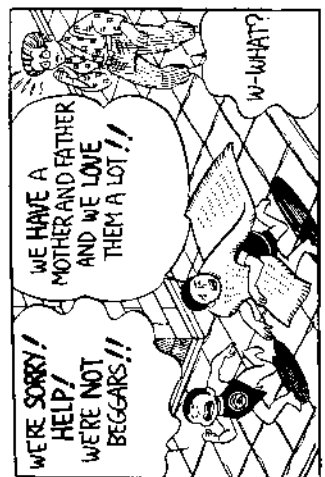
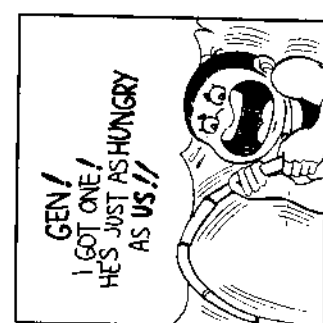
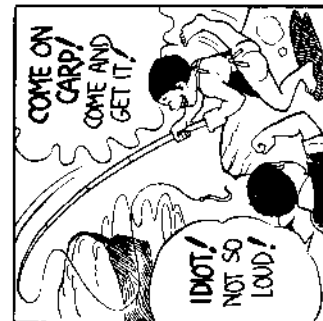
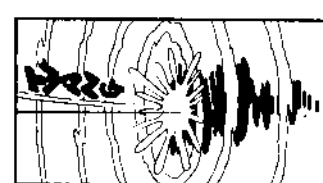
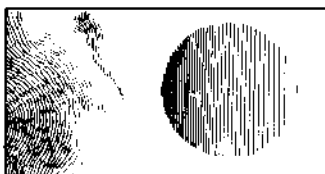
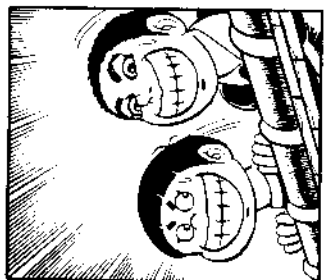


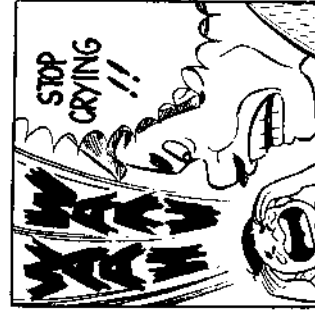
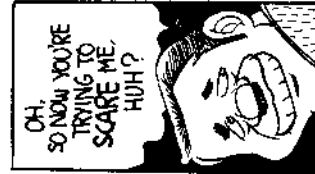
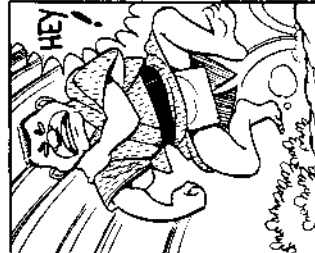
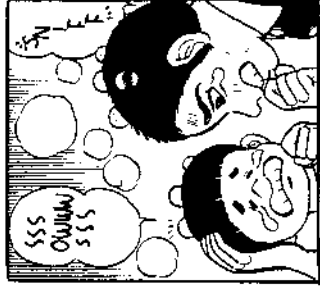
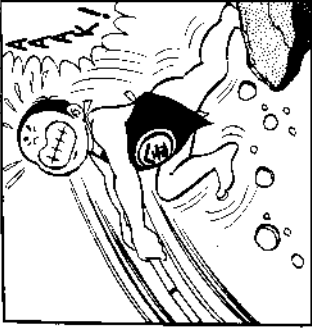
WHENEVER I SEE
CHILDREN YOUR AGE
ALL I CAN THINK ABOUT
IS MY TWO DEAD
GRAND-CHILDREN...



SIGH!
WHY DON'T YOU
TWO COME HOME
WITH ME?

HUH?...
HOW
COME?

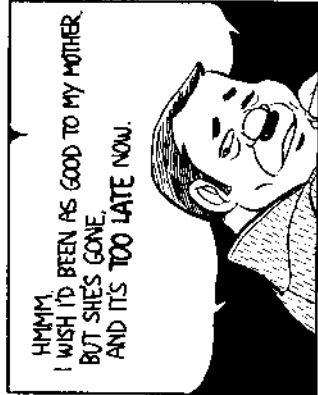






HEH HEH HEH.
YOU KIDS ARE
ALL RIGHT.
YOU TAKE CARE OF
YOUR MOTHER,
YOU HEAR?

THANK
YOU,
SIR!



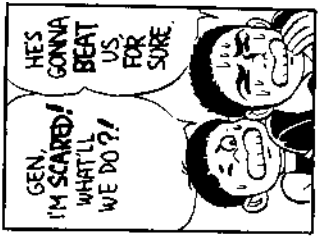
HMM.
I WISH I'D BEEN AS GOOD TO MY MOTHER,
BUT SHE'S GONE,
AND IT'S TOO LATE NOW.



GEN!
SHINJI!
COME HERE!



W-WHAT HAPPENED?
P-PAPA LOOKS
MAD!



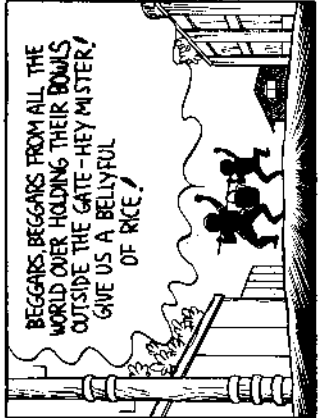
GEN,
I'M SCARED!
WHAT'LL
WE DO?!

HE'S
GONNA
BEAT
US
FOR
SURE.



T-THANK
YOU,
MISTER!

FORGET
IT!

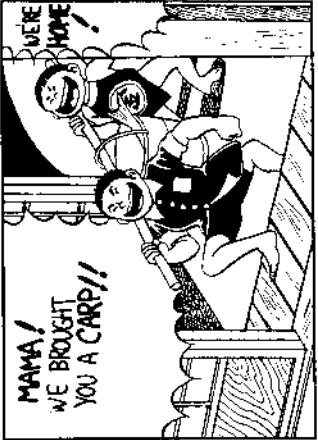


BEGGARS BEGGARS FROM ALL THE
WORLD OVER HOLDING THEIR BOWLS
OUTSIDE THE GATE-HEY MISTER!
GIVE US A BELLFUL
OF RICE!



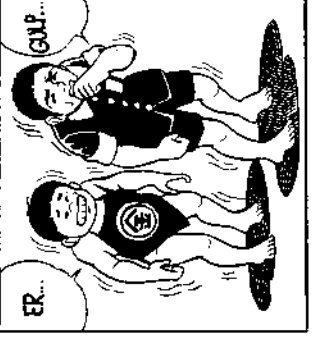
PRETTY GOOD, HUH GEN?
THAT MAN LOOKED MEAN,
BUT HE TURNED OUT TO
BE NICE AFTER ALL, HUH?

YUP.
SURE
DID!!

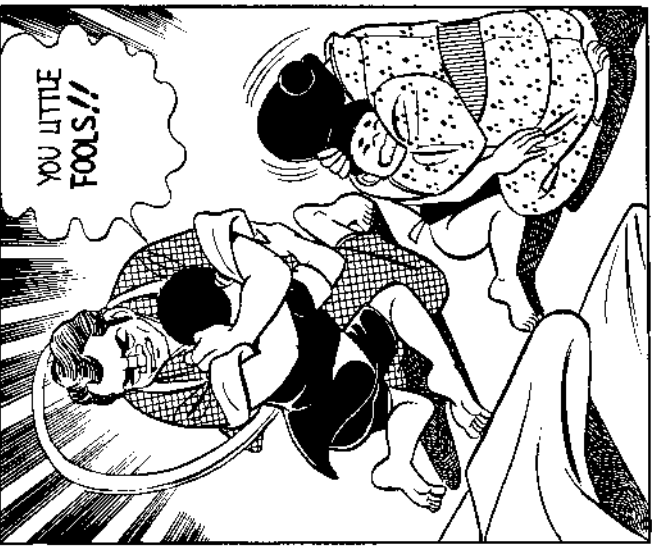


MAMA!
WE BROUGHT
YOU A CARP!!

WE'RE
HOPE!



ER...

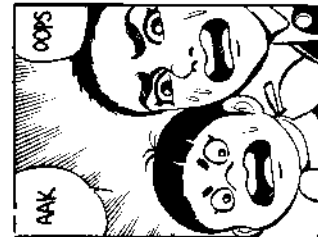


YOU LITTLE
FOOLS!!



A
K
K

Y
S
S

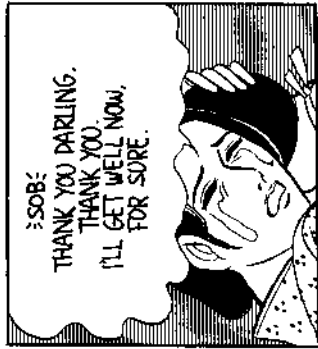


AAK

OOOS



GEN! SHINJI!
NO MORE
BEGGING,
OK? OK?



SOBE
THANK YOU DARLING.
THANK YOU.
I'LL GET WELL NOW,
FOR SURE.



HEH
HEH
HEH

PRETTY
GOOD,
HUH
GEN?